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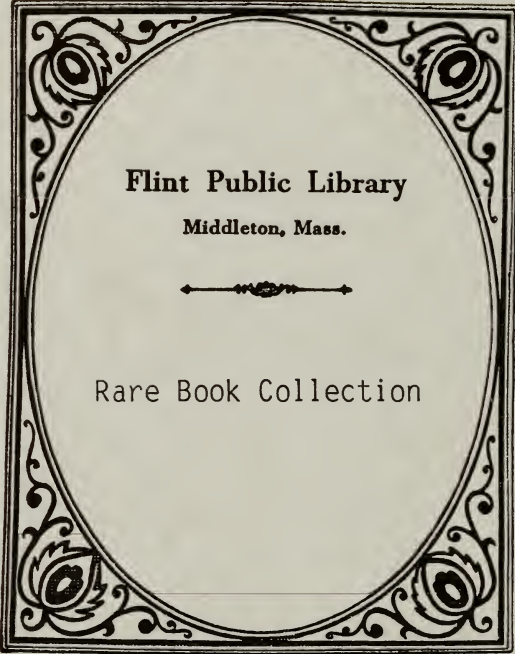
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REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
Town of Middleton
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1953



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**REPORT
AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH, 1954**



**TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF
THE WARRANT**

Report of the Finance Committee For the Town of Middleton UPON THE WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held March 9, 1954

To the Voters of the Town of Middleton:

Your Finance Committee has held twenty meetings with the various heads of departments and also an open meeting with the voters of the Town on February 9, 1954, for the purpose of discussing the budget for this year.

Unfortunately, very few of the department heads were present at the open meeting to answer questions, therefore, we, the Finance Committee request that an enactment be made requiring all department heads, or a department's legal representative be present to answer unpredicted questions at future public Finance Committee meetings upon public notice of that meeting.

We feel that the open meeting can be of greater value to us and to the taxpayers by having the departments represented herein.

Attention must be called to our very serious financial situation. Our school population is growing so much that more rooms are again needed in the grammar school, and if Danvers is not able to take care of the high school pupils, we might have to build for them, and we hardly dare to think of the cost. Without considering the additional cost of buildings, we will find that the increase in the school budget for this year is staggering. Last year \$106,467.21 was spent for education. This year \$120,050.25 has been requested. The \$13,583.00 increase is somewhat out of proportion with the number of pupils entered, therefore, we recommend that only the actual necessities be purchased this year.

The building of a new County Prison is going to add to our tax and is going to devalue the land near it. It is said that the building will cost \$2,500,000.00, yet no County building in the past has been built within its primary appropriation. If the Prison is built, our proportion of tax will be based upon more than \$2,500,000.00.

We, the Finance Committee, strongly oppose having the County Prison built in Middleton.

Our only solution for our financial problem seems to be in the planning and the establishment of controlled areas wherein suitable industries can operate. An earning power must be found because the present taxable property will not carry the load, and the load this year runs \$30,000.00 more than it did last year.

We beg all departments to exercise strict economy this year and for some years to come .

The taxpayers will notice in the study of the following list of transfers that \$2310.31 of the \$2500.00 Reserve Fund was used this year. With the cooperation of the department heads we feel that we can reduce the \$2500.00 to \$2000.00, thus taking \$500.00 from the taxable amount.

At this time it may be well to have drawn to your attention a section of the "LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATION" law.

Ch. 44 sec. 31 (as amended by 1946 Ch. 358 sec. 23 and by 1949 Ch. 138).

In substance the law provides that no department financed by taxation shall incur liability in excess of its appropriation, except in emergencies and with previous authorization. Any officer who violates or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate such a provision is liable to fine or imprisonment, and Selectmen shall and five taxpayers may report such a violation to the District Attorney who shall investigate and prosecute.

The Finance Committee requests all department heads to check carefully with any sub-departments using money, hence to avoid any excesses.

Transfers made by the Finance Committee during 1953:

1.	Apr. 7	Counsel Expense	\$ 150.00
2.	Apr. 26	Tax Collector's office renovation	300.00
3.	May 31	To Highway from Cemetery	200.00
4.	May 31	Check-writer paper	153.50
5.	July 12	Tree Department	500.00
6.	Dec. 8	Town Hall Salary	41.00
7.	Dec. 8	Advertising Zone by-laws	61.65
8.	Dec. 8	Interest, Firehouse Loan	432.50
9.	Dec. 8	Police Wages and Expenses	140.00
10.	Dec. 22	Highway General Fund	200.00
11.	Jan. 5	Town Clerk	27.35
12.	Jan. 5	Moth Department	65.74
13.	Jan. 5	Wire Department	7.09
14.	Jan. 12	Tax Title	8.10
15.	Jan. 13	Memorial Hall	23.38
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			\$ 2,310.31
Transferred to Surplus Revenue			189.69
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			\$ 2,500.00

The Finance Committee

HAZEN M. RICHARDSON
ELMER McINTIRE
JOSEPH R. HILYARD

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on committee reports.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 17 of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 3. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses.

Committee recommendations are set forth in schedule "A".

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use the amount of \$10,000 from available funds to reduce the tax rate.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at Public or Private Sale, any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non payment of taxes or under proceedings for sale of land of low values, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town and under the Seal of the Town, quit claim deeds or other instruments therefor.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the School Committee to have a special committee appointed by the moderator consisting of a member of the School Committee, a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Finance Committee and a fifth member to investigate and make recommendations as to additional school facilities and to report back their findings at a Special Meeting not later than September 1954.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for improvement of the Peabody Street Bridge under Chapter 90; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County.

Committee recommends approval of this Article and that the sum of \$1500.00 be appropriated from available funds to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, for the improvement of the Peabody Street Bridge, and that in addition the sum of \$4500.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State and County is to be restored upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to buy a used power broom for the Highway Department for sweeping streets.

We recommend that the sum of \$700.00 be taken from the road machinery fund to buy a power broom.

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Committee recommends approval of this article. To appropriate \$250.00 for purchase of trailer.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the members of the Board of Trade to see if the Town will vote to amend Section III of the Zoning By-Laws by adding to Paragraph B thereof, under areas designated for business, the following Sub-section 5; "5. The areas bounded by Richardson's Brook, the Ipswich River, Bridge Road, River Street, land now or formerly of Charles A. Roberts and South Main Street, as shown on Plan entitled 'Proposed Industrial and Business Areas in Middleton, Mass., Massachusetts Survey Co., December 4, 1953, W. H. Tingley, Eng., on file with the Town Clerk and being defined in a description thereof attached to said Plan, or take any other action thereon.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually appoint a Custodian of the Town Hall and to remove this office from the Ballot.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$81.00 to pay the 1953 bill for back-hoe service for the Highway Department.

Committee recommends approval of article. To appropriate \$8100.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take to dispose of the article laid on the table at the Special Town Meeting held December 29, 1953: On petition of David Burns and the Boy Scout Committee to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to install one thousand feet of six-inch cast iron pipe to supply water to the Boy Scout Building on Recreation Park together with hydrant for fire protection of Recreation Park and surrounding areas. 1500.00

Committee does not approve of the expenditure of \$4500.00 to put water into the new Scout House. But will approve of \$1500.00 to drill a well.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take to dispose of the article laid on the table at the Special Town Meeting held December 29, 1953; On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of material to be used to install street lights on North Main St. from the corner of Forest St. to the North Andover line. This amount to be taken from the General Fund of the Town.

Committee recommends that the sum for this purpose be taken from the Electric Light Company's earnings.

Schedule A

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 3

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recommended 1954
GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 6.09% OF TOTAL				
1.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Moderator, Salary	\$ 50.00
			Finance Committee:	
2.	30.00	10.00	Expense	30.00
			Selectmen:	
3.	900.00	900.00	Salaries	900.00
4.	330.92	417.25	Expenses	450.00
5.	83.00	250.00	Clerk	250.00
			Accountant:	
6.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
7.	100.00	45.45	Expenses	100.00
			Treasurer:	
8.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
9.	365.09	825.75	Expenses	667.00
10.	150.90	358.10	Tax Titles	500.00
			Collector:	
11.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
12.	312.38	700.49	Expenses	715.00
			Assessors:	
13.	1500.00	1500.00	Salaries	1500.00
14.	665.37	699.17	Expenses	750.00
			Counsel:	
15.	600.00	600.00	Salary	600.00
16.	64.98	211.65	Expenses	
			Clerk:	
17.	400.00	400.00	Salary	400.00
18.	82.64	105.85	Expenses	100.00
			Elections and Registrations:	
19.	180.00	100.00	Salaries	220.00
20.	465.63	187.89	Expenses	600.00
			Planning Board:	
21.	189.30	71.50	Expenses	2125.00
			Town Hall:	
22.	730.00	406.00	Salary	480.00
23.	684.93	566.78	Expenses	650.00

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recommended 1954
			Memorial Hall:	
24.	300.00	360.00	Salaries	360.00
25.	1244.40	1523.38	Expenses	1500.00
26.	223.96	694.44	Alterations	700.00
			\$13,738.25	Grand Total \$16,357.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — 7.01% OF TOTAL

			Constable:	
27.	35.00	35.00	Salary	35.00
			Police Chief:	
28.	3253.00	3710.00	Salary	3900.00
29.	1408.41	2032.35	Wages	2000.00
30.	1979.75	1662.00	Expenses	1837.00
31.		819.91	Car	
			\$ 8,258.26	Totals \$ 7,772.00
32.		134.66	Civil Defense	
			Fire Department:	
33.	752.00	798.75	Salaries	1115.00
34.	4211.59	4203.28	Expenses	4630.00
			\$ 5,002.03	Total \$ 5,745.00
			Building Inspector:	
35.	400.00	400.00	Salary	400.00
36.	171.38	150.00	Expenses	100.00
			\$ 550.00	Total 500.00
			Board of Appeals:	
37.	137.72	231.62	Expenses	235.00
			Wire Inspector:	
38.	66.00	200.00	Salary	200.00
39.	20.22	57.09	Expenses	50.00
			\$ 257.09	Total 250.00
			Sealer of Weights and Measures:	
40.	125.00	125.00	Salary	125.00
41.	31.74	25.00	Expenses	532.00
			\$ 150.00	Total 657.00

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recommended 1954
Forestry:				
42.	1199.36	1265.74	Moth	1500.00
43.	1576.05	1498.30	Tree	1000.00
44.	297.08	497.47	Dutch Elm Cont'l	500.00
45.		298.41	Planting Trees	
46.			Poison Ivy Cont'l	200.00
			Total	3200.00
			\$ 3,558.92	
Dog Officer:				
47.			Salary	100.00
48.			Expense	200.00
			Total	300.00
Grand Total				\$18,659.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION — 1.23% OF TOTAL

49.			Health:	
			Salaries	120.00
50.	1801.28	1507.75	Expenses	1900.00
			Dental Clinic:	
51.		1067.52	Expenses	1000.00
			Inspector of Cattle:	
52.	100.00	100.00	Salary	200.00
53.	100.00	100.00	Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00
			Total	3245.00
			\$ 2,774.87	

HIGHWAY DEPT. — 9.47% OF TOTAL

54.	3360.68	4678.99	Road Machinery Account	4500.00
55.	2996.66	3500.00	Highway Surveyor, Salary	3536.00
			(From available Dept. Funds)	
56.	4139.81	4697.81	Highway General Fund	5000.00
57.	4800.00	4800.00	Chapter 81	4800.00
58.	8800.00	8800.00	Chapter 81, State	8800.00
59.	2000.00	2000.00	Chapter 90, Construction	2000.00
60.	6000.00	6000.00	Chapter 90, State-County	6000.00
61.	2000.00	2000.00	Chapter 90, Maintenance	2000.00
62.	1000.00	1000.00	Chapter 90, State	1000.00
63.	6056.33	6009.30	Snow Removal	7500.00

No.	Average Average 1950-1952	1953		Recom- Recom- 1954
64.	3500.00	3500.00	Street Lights	3500.00
65.		68.22	Traffic Lights	
66.	35.33		Land Taking	
67.			Street Layout Survey	
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		\$47,134.32	Total	\$45,100.00

CHARITIES — 13.36 % OF TOTAL

Public Welfare:				
68.	475.00		Salaries	650.00
69.	6137.48		Expenses	7500.00
70.	24099.79		Old Age Assistance Aid	25000.00
71.	18798.67		Federal Grant	
72.	2490.38		Aid Dependent Children, Aid	2500.00
73.	1891.23		Federal Grant	
74.	348.33		Disability Assistance, Aid	2200.00
75.			Federal Grant, Aid	
76.	613.00		Welfare District, Admin.	618.00
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		\$54,853.88	Total	\$38,468.00

VETERANS' AID SERVICE — 1.64% OF TOTAL

Veterans' Agent:				
77.	250.00	250.00	Salary	250.00
78.			Expenses	50.00
79.		2157.40	Veterans' Aid	4000.00
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		\$ 2,407.40	Total	4300.00

SCHOOLS — 45.86% OF TOTAL

School:				
80.	40087.56	53637.27	Salaries	59,564.00
81.	31868.26	50599.32	Expenses	51,921.00
82.			Supt. out of State Travel	75.00
83.	770.59	2230.61	Vocational Education	2500.00
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		\$106,467.21	Total	114,060.00

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280

RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953	Recommended 1954
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LIBRARY 1.15% OF TOTAL

Library:			
84.	1192.58	1321.00	Salaries and Wages 1400.00
85.		1598.91	Expenses 1600.00
		686.75	Plus Dog Tax refund 772.47
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	\$ 3,606.66	Total	3772.47

RECREATION — .40% OF TOTAL

Park:			
86.		872.70	Expenses 800.00
87.		300.00	Equipment 150.00
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	\$ 1,172.70	Total	950.00

UNCLASSIFIED — 4.04% OF TOTAL

88.		2770.67	Retirement Fund Assessment	3192.15
89.	400.00	359.76	Memorial Day	400.00
90.		832.37	Town Reports	900.00
91.		4355.24	Insurance	4000.00
92.	2000.00	1000.00	Reserve Fund	2000.00
93.			Christmas Tree Lighting	75.00
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	\$ 9,318.04	Total		\$10,567.15

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

94.		Electric Light, Salaries	
	7960.00	(incl. Com., Clerk and Mgr.)	7580.00
95.	14472.70	Wages	15226.00
96.	68216.99	Energy	69500.00
97.	18222.50	Expenses	14500.00
98.	3968.32	Depreciation	4000.00
99.	1000.00	Reserve	
100.	1500.00	Line Clearance	1000.00
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	\$115,340.51	Total	\$111,806.00

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112,806.77

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CEMETERIES — 1.85 OF TOTAL

101.	30.00	30.00	Supt. of Burials, Salary	30.00
102.	60.00	60.00	Commissioners, Salaries	60.00
			Cemetery:	
103.		3079.70	Expenses	3495.00
104.		439.20	Opening Graves	750.00
105.		118.35	Equipment	
106.		700.00	Hot Top	500.00
		<u>\$ 4,427.25</u>	Total	<u>\$ 4,835.00</u>

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 7.92% OF TOTAL

107.	2000.00	2000.00	School Construction Loan	2000.00
108.	10000.00	10000.00	School Addition Loan	10000.00
109.			Fire-Highway Building Loan	4973.25
110.		3550.00	Interest	3752.50
		<u>\$15,550.00</u>	Total	<u>\$20,725.75</u>
		366,610.06	Grand Total	\$392,845.37

Town Meeting Warrant

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex:

GREETING.

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium in said Middleton on Tuesday the ninth day of March next, at seven-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

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To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, March 15 next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one for three years, one for two years, one for one; one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for 2 years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, Highway Surveyor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Constable, Superintendent of Burials, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Flint Public Library for three years, two Cemetery Commissioners, one for three years, one for two years (to fill unexpired term), Custodian of Town Hall, one member of Planning Board for five years, and one member for one year (to fill unexpired term).

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office and store at Howes Station in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

A true copy. Attest:

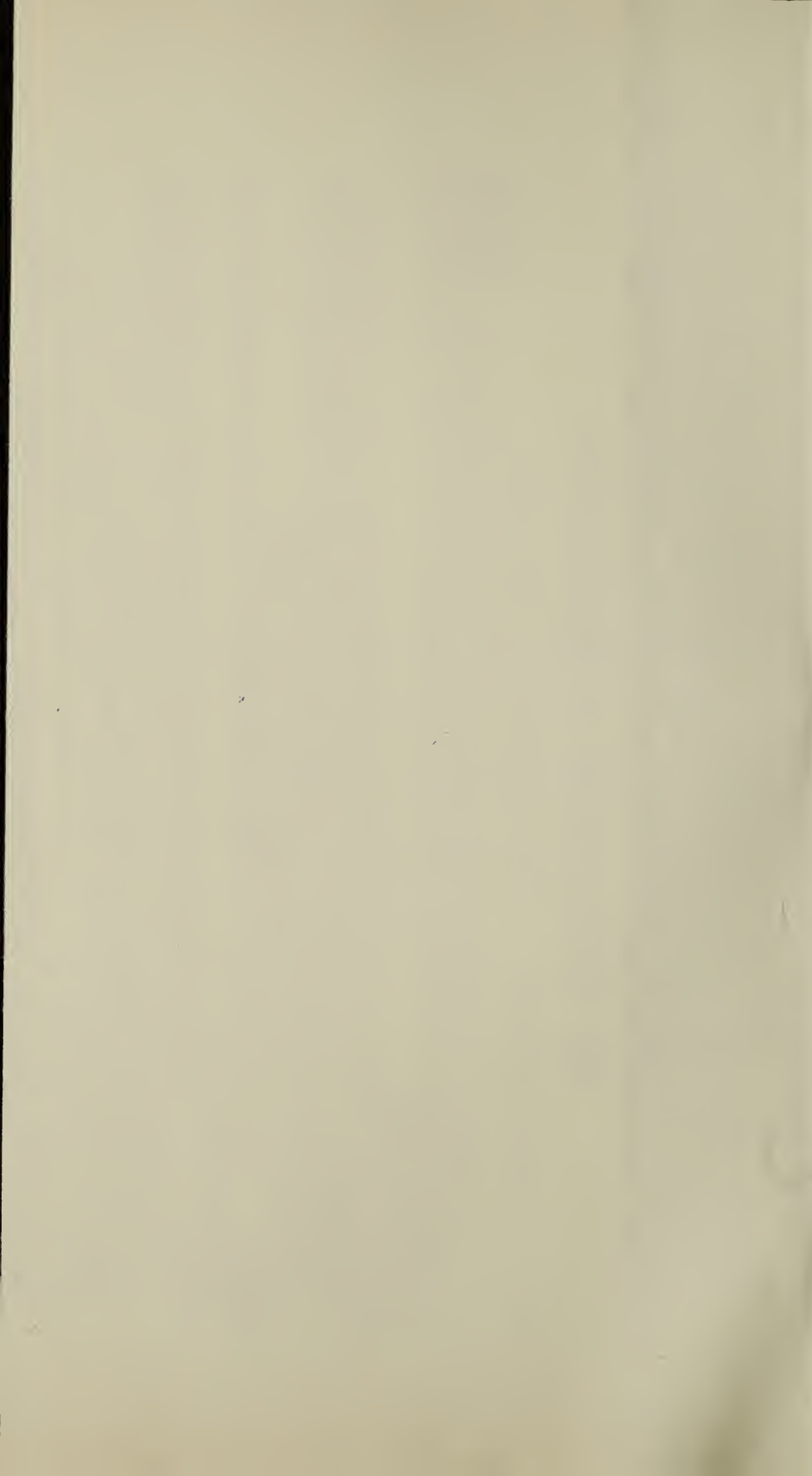
JAMES W. WENTWORTH, Constable

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.

WILLIS W. ESTY

JAMES H. COFFIN

Selectmen of Middleton



Annual Report

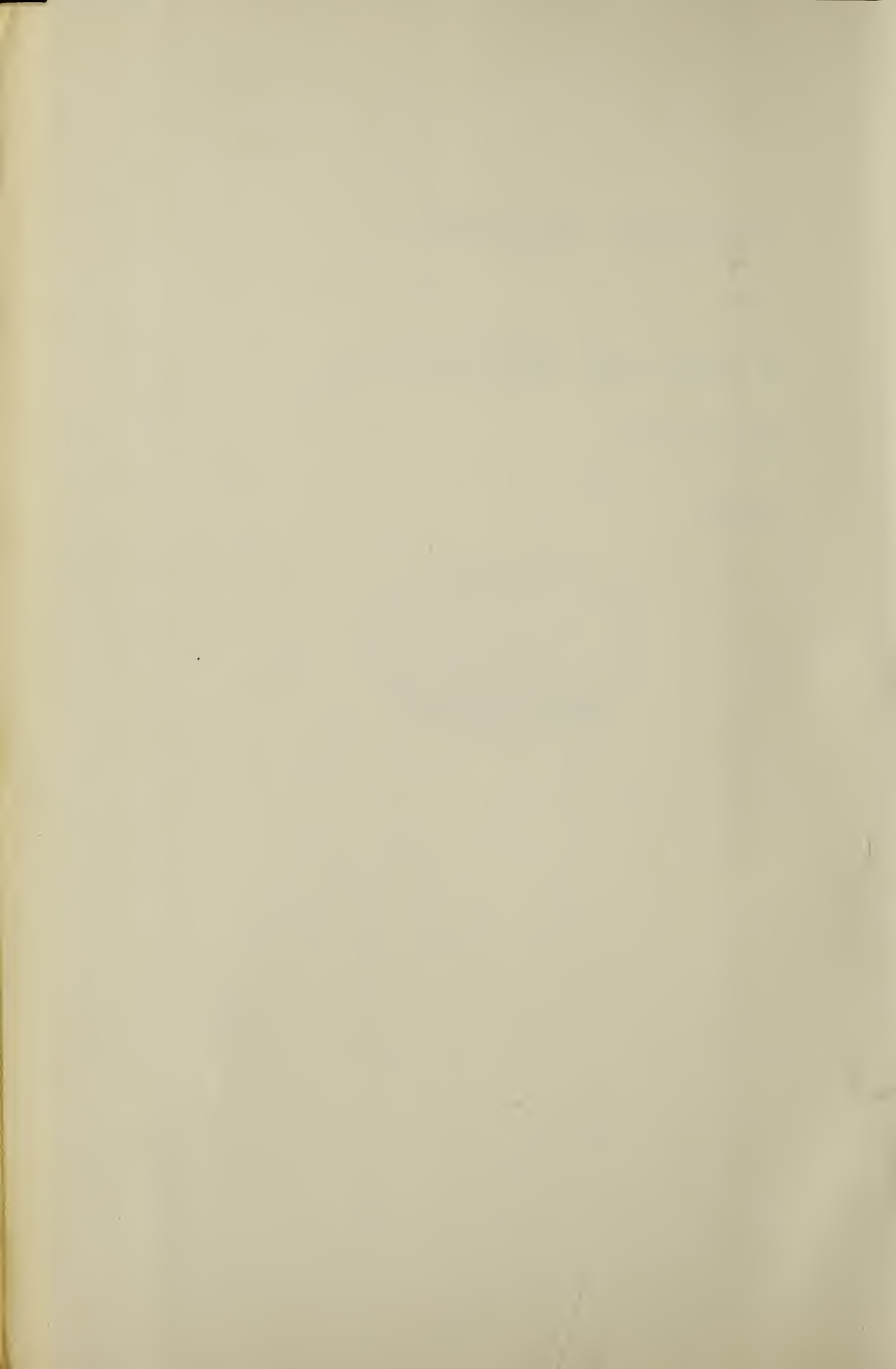
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Town of Middleton

Massachusetts

1953







Town Officers Elected 1953

Moderator

Wilbur N. Witham

Town Clerk

Elmer P. Morrill

Selectmen and Board of Health

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr., Chairman

James H. Coffin

Willis W. Esty

Board of Public Welfare

Charles Pasquale, Chairman (1954)

Leslie E. Merrifield (1956)

Leyland A. Phillips (1955)

Board of Assessors

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1954)

William G. Birch (1956)

Daniel J. Donovan (1955)

Treasurer

Edward H. Leary (1956)

Tax Collector

Harold E. Tyler

Highway Surveyor

John J. Hocter

Constable

James W. Wentworth

School Committee

Eben L. Jewett, Chairman (1955)

Rosamond L. Bastable, Clerk (1955)

Henry F. Luscomb (1954)

Harold F. Purdy (1956)

David Burns (1954)

Electric Light Commissioners

Richard B. Floyd, Chairman (1954)
Frank E. Dow, Clerk (1955) George W. Nash (1956)

Cemetery Commissioners

Leon Soper (1953)
Michael L. Lavorgna (1955) Richard N. Maxwell (1954)

Superintendent of Burials

Charles W. Baker

Tree Warden

Clarence Osgood

Planning Board

Frank Silva, Chairman (1958)
Alton W. Hubbard (1954) Arthur S. Tuttle (1956)
Roger F. Clapp (1955) (Resigned) Roger L. Pennell, Clerk (1957)
Louis Barrett

Trustees Flint Public Library

William H. Sanborn, Chairman (1954)
William T. Martin (1956) Paul B. Wake (1956)
Thomas J. Oliver (1955) Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. (1955)
Carl C. Jones (1954)

Custodian of Town Hall

James H. Ogden

Town Officers Appointed 1953

Registrars of Voters

Ernest P. Goodale, Chairman (1953)
Joseph T. Lee (1955) Lloyd H. Getchell (1954)
Elmer P. Morrill, Clerk (Ex-Officio)

Zoning Appeal Board

William H. Sanborn, Chairman

William T. Martin

Chester K. Masse

Beaumont Hurd

Richard E. Quinn

Finance Committee

Hazen M. Richardson, Chairman (1955)

Joseph R. Hilyard (1954)

Langston Wall (1954)

Elmer C. McIntyre (1955)

W. Laurie Smith (1953)

Chief of Police

James W. Wentworth

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Joseph Beggs

Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering

Philip H. Dearth

Town Accountant

Elmer O. Campbell (1954)

Forest Fire Warden

Harold F. Purdy

Chief of Fire Department

Harold F. Purdy

Superintendent of Cemeteries

Charles W. Baker

Moth Superintendent

Clarence Osgood

Electric Light Manager

Robert F. Thomas

Town Counsel

James J. Gaffney

Welfare Agent

Phyllis R. Brown

Building Inspector

Earl F. Jones

Wire Inspector

Frank E. Dow

Veterans AgentJames H. Ogden

TRUSTEES**B. F. Emerson Fund**

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Mass.

Roger F. Clapp

Harley M. Tyler

Paul B. Wake

William H. Sanborn

Mansfield Fund

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund

Board of Public Welfare

Annual Report

of the

Town Accountant

1953



ANNUAL REPORT
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

TAXES:

CURRENT YEAR

Property	\$ 139,238.48
Poll	1,358.00
Loss of Taxes	4,118.49

PREVIOUS YEARS

Property	7,702.23
Tax Title Redemption	1,046.95

FROM THE STATE

Corporation	12,075.60
Income	6,927.96

\$172,467.71

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Liquor	2,800.00
All other	351.00

3,151.00

FINES:

District Court	75.00
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75.00

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Old Age Assistance	17,717.67
Aid Dependent Children	2,085.75
Disability Assistance	168.93

19,972.35

FROM STATE FOR EDUCATION

Construction of School Addition	5,173.84
Vocational Education	529.83
High School Transportation	6,000.00
Support of School	16,100.93

 27,804.60

FROM STATE FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Highway (Chap. 81)	8,828.72
Inspector of Animals	100.00
Meal Tax	935.58

 9,864.30

FROM COUNTY

Dog Licenses	686.75
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 686.75

ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE

Tax Possessions	222.68
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 222.68

PRIVILEGES

Mother Vehicle Excise Tax	18,813.51
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 18,813.51

 \$253,057.90

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE:

Seletmen	10.06
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FINANCIAL:

Treasurer	87.40
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MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:

Town Hall	374.50
Memorial Hall	1,025.00

 1,496.96

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Board of Appeals	57.00
Building Inspection	329.50
Sealing of Weights and Measures	91.70
Dog Officer	149.50
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	627.70

HEALTH:

Tuberculosis Subsidy	227.85
Dental Clinic	176.00
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	403.85

HIGHWAYS:

Chapter 90 Construction	6,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00
Truck and Machinery Rental	6,320.30
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	12,820.30

CHARITIES:

REIMBURSEMENT FOR AID TO
DEPENDENT CHILDREN

From State	1,241.35
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REIMBURSEMENT FOR OLD
AGE ASSISTANCE

From Individuals	2,004.88
From Cities and Towns	2,600.35
From State	14,698.44

REIMBURSEMENT FOR
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

From State	25.41
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20,600.43

VETERANS' SERVICES:

From State	412.10
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412.10

SCHOOLS:

Supplies	3.05	
Hall Rental	34.00	
Lunches	13,090.69	
	<hr/>	13,127.74

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Sale of Light and Power	111,875.45	
Miscellaneous	855.50	
Depreciation Fund	3,968.32	
	<hr/>	116,699.27

PUBLIC SCALES:

Sale	102.00	
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CEMETERIES:

Sale of Lots and Graves	85.00	
Opening Graves	440.00	
Care of Endowed Lots	767.00	
	<hr/>	1,292.00

INTEREST:

On Deposits	270.13	
On Deferred Taxes	454.97	
On Excise Taxes	48.90	
Mansfield Fund	1,220.00	
	<hr/>	1,994.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Loan Fire-Highway Bldg.	40,000.00	
Premium on Loan	74.00	
	<hr/>	40,074.00

 AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Beverage License	10.00	
Dog Licenses	952.00	
Worcester Relief	154.86	
Perpetual Care Funds	1,115.00	
Withholding Taxes	11,455.60	
Retirement Fund	2,595.54	
Blue Cross	1,521.75	
Meter Deposits	705.00	
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		18,509.75

REFUNDS:

General Departments	154.03	
Public Service Enterprises	18.60	
Accrued Interest	17.50	
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		190.13

Total Receipts	481,408.13	
Cash Balance January 1, 1953	114,558.88	
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		\$595,967.01

 EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

 MODERATOR

Salary		
Wilbur Witham, Moderator	50.00	
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		50.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenses		
Association Dues	10.00	
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		10.00

SELECTMEN

Salaries

James H. Coffin	300.00
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	300.00
Willis W. Esty	237.50
Harold M. Bishop	62.50

 900.00

Expenses

Clerk	239.55
Supplies and Printing	85.51
Advertisements	93.50
Postage	3.74
Essex St. Water	24.00
Association Dues	34.00
Flags	34.00
Office Equipment	142.50

 656.80

 1,556.80

ACCOUNTANT

Salary

Elmer O. Campbell	900.00
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Expenses

Supplies	42.45
Association Dues	3.00

 45.45

 945.45

TREASURER

Salary		
Edward H. Leary		900.00

Expenses		
Supplies	188.30	
Postage	141.15	
Mileage and Expenses	105.00	
Clerical Assistance	50.00	
Bank Charges	14.05	
Association Dues	2.00	
Certifying Notes	40.00	
Deeds	5.75	
Office Equipment	279.50	

825.75

Tax Title Expenses		
Registry of Deeds	19.50	
Advertisements	32.60	
Counsel Expenses	306.00	

358.10

2,083.85

TAX COLLECTOR

Salary		
Harold E. Tyler		900.00

Expenses		
Supplies and Printing	167.53	
Postage	150.32	
Tax Takings	39.85	
Deputy Collector Fees	15.50	
Clerical Assistance	75.00	
Mileage—Telephone	88.81	
Association Dues	2.00	
Office Equipment	161.48	

700.49

Office Alterations		
Materials	233.78	
Labor	65.50	

299.28

1,899.77

ASSESSORS

Salaries

Paul B. Wake	525.00
Daniel J. Donovan	500.00
William G. Birch	475.00

 1,500.00

Expenses

Supplies	161.57
Abstracts	86.75
Postage	9.00
Mileage—Expenses	95.00
Clerical Services	160.00
Office Expenses	177.85
Association Dues	9.00

 699.17

 2,199.17

LAW

Salary

James J. Gaffney	600.00
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Expenses

Court Fees	150.00
Advertising By-Laws	61.65

 211.65

 811.65

TOWN CLERK

Salary

Elmer P. Morrill	400.00
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Expenses

Telephone—Postage	68.05
Supplies	32.80
Association Dues	5.00

 105.85

 505.85

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salaries

Ernest P. Goodale	25.00
Lloyd H. Getchell	25.00
Joseph T. Lee	25.00
Elmer P. Morrill	25.00

100.00

Expenses

Election Officers	108.50
Lunches	31.39
Printing Ballots	48.00

187.89

287.89

PLANNING BOARD

Expenses

File Cabinet	59.50
Postage-Mileage	12.00

71.50

TOWN HALL

Salaries

Arthur K. Fuller	118.00
James H. Ogden	288.00

406.00

Expenses

Fuel and Light	416.70
Water	5.80
Repairs	123.75
Supplies	20.53

566.78

972.78

MEMORIAL HALL

Salaries

Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	240.00	
Robert Doyle	105.00	
Harvey Sutherland	15.00	
	<hr/>	360.00

Expenses

Fuel and Light	1,001.88	
Water and Telephone	155.23	
Repairs	274.67	
Supplies	91.60	
	<hr/>	1,523.38

Alterations

Labor	477.86	
Materials	216.58	
	<hr/>	694.44

2,577.82

Total General Government

\$ 13,972.53

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

CONSTABLE'S SALARY

James H. Wentworth	35.00	
		35.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages

James F. Wentworth, Chief	3,710.00	
Lloyd H. Getchell	853.70	
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	690.15	
Joseph Peters	189.75	
William C. Pennock	176.55	
Arthur C. Doane	79.20	
Harold Moore	28.60	
Charles Pasquale	3.30	
Harold F. Purdy	1.10	
Matron	10.00	
		5,742.35

Expenses

Gasoline, Oil, Repairs	1,099.94	
Office Expenses—Telephone	342.75	
Supplies	133.21	
Equipment	101.10	
Association Dues	5.00	
Expenses	8.00	
		1,690.00

Police Car

1953 Police Car	819.91	
		8,252.26

CIVIL DEFENSE

Expenses

Equipment	70.37	
Telephone	64.29	
		134.66

134.66

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries

Chief	300.00
Deputy Chief	75.00
Captain	50.00
Lieutenants (4)	123.75
Forest Warden	50.00
Firemen	200.00

 798.75

Expenses

Wages	1,150.60
Gasoline and Oil	167.51
Equipment and Repairs	1,128.06
Fire Alarm	784.11
Fuel and Light	306.20
Building Maintenance	34.70
Office Expenses—Telephone	404.42
Insurance	220.15
Supplies	7.53

 4,203.28

 5,002.03

BUILDING INSPECTION

Salary

Earl F. Jones, Inspector	400.00
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Expenses

Supplies	50.85
Mileage	90.20
Postage	8.95

 150.00

 550.00

BOARD OF APPEALS

Expenses

Advertisements	94.50
Postage—Supplies	51.87
Typing	85.25

 231.62

 231.62

WIRE INSPECTOR

Salary		
Frank E. Dow, Inspector	200.00	
Expenses		
Mileage—Supplies	57.09	
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		257.09

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary		
Joseph Beggs, Sealer	125.00	
Expenses		
Supplies	11.82	
Transportation	13.18	
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	25.00	
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		150.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Wages		
Labor	606.21	
Expenses		
Truck Hire	166.50	
Supplies	493.03	
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	659.53	
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		1,265.74

TREE WARDEN

Wages		
Labor	1,239.96	
Expenses		
Truck Hire	137.25	
Saw Hire	84.00	
Supplies	13.09	
Dues—Expenses	9.00	
Equipment Hire	15.00	
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	258.34	
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		1,498.30

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Wages			
Labor		400.97	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	87.50		
Saw Hire	9.00		
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		96.50	
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			497.47

PLANTING TREES

Wages			
Labor		96.15	
Expenses			
Trees	175.50		
Truck Hire	12.00		
Lumber	14.76		
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		202.26	
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			298.41
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Total Protection of Persons and Property			\$ 18,172.58

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salaries

Bernice Sherwood, Agent	50.00	
Mary Wilson, Asst. Agent	20.00	
James W. Wentworth, Dog Officer	100.00	
		170.00

Expenses

Care of Patients	49.50	
Care of Dump	904.75	
Care of Disposing of Dogs	156.00	
Vital Statistics	176.00	
Printing	16.10	
Services	35.00	
		1,337.35
		1,507.35

DENTAL CLINIC

Expenses

Services, Dentist	740.00	
Materials and Equipment	327.52	
		1,067.52

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND SLAUGHTERING

Salary

Philip H. Dearth	300.00	
		300.00

ESSEX SANATORIUM ASSESSMENT

Essex County Treasurer	3,085.66	
		3,085.66
Total Health and Sanitation		\$ 5,960.53

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Wages			
Labor		3,303.25	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	637.60		
Supplies	559.80		
Asphalt and Sand	44.56		
Signs	128.35		
Office Expenses	24.25		
		1,394.56	
			4,697.81

CHAPTER 81—MAINTENANCE

Wages			
Labor		5,702.20	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	2,817.40		
Equipment Hire	1,767.95		
Asphalt	2,108.35		
Sand and Gravel	650.85		
Supplies	382.07		
Office Expenses—Telephone	171.18		
		7,897.80	
			13,600.00

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Wages			
Labor		894.40	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	271.80		
Equipment Hire	241.60		
Asphalt	905.65		
Sand and Stone	188.59		
Fencing	497.96		
		2,105.60	
			3,000.00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Wages		
Labor	2,531.10	
Expenses		
Truck Hire	1,064.40	
Equipment Hire	1,345.80	
Asphalt	231.95	
Gravel	452.80	
Supplies	568.11	
	<u>3,663.06</u>	
		6,194.16

SNOW

Wages		
Labor	2,266.65	
Expenses		
Truck Hire	2,485.70	
Repairs and Supplies	445.93	
Sand and Salt	788.99	
State Highway	22.11	
	<u>3,742.73</u>	
		6,009.38

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Gasoline and Oil	1,661.57	
Parts and Repairs	1,395.33	
Storage	900.00	
Insurance and Registration	89.24	
Supplies	203.85	
Equipment	429.00	
	<u>4,678.99</u>	
		4,678.99

STREET LIGHTING

Middleton Electric Light Dept.	3,500.00	
	<u>3,500.00</u>	
		3,500.00

SURVEY

Laying Out Bounds	27.00	
	<u>27.00</u>	
		27.00
Total Highways		<u>\$ 41,707.34</u>

CHARITIES

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries

Charles Pasquale	150.00
Leyland Phillips	175.00
Leslie E. Merrifield	150.00

 475.00

Expenses

Administration	48.16
Cash Payments	551.72
Groceries—Fuel	518.56
Medical Aid	140.54
Funeral Expenses	155.00
Other Cities and Towns	4,723.50

 6,137.48

 6,612.48

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Administration

Central Essex Welfare District	613.00
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Aid

Cash	40,295.06
Other Cities and Towns	2,603.40

 42,898.46

 43,511.46

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Aid

Cash	4,381.61
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 4,381.61

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Aid

Cash	348.33
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 348.33

Total Charities

 \$ 54,853.88

VETERANS' SERVICES

Salary

James H. Ogden, Agent	250.00
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Aid

Cash	1,706.79
Fuel and Rent	418.61
Medical Aid	32.00

2,157.40

Total Veterans' Services

\$ 2,407.40

SCHOOLS

Salaries

Teachers and Supervisors	47,184.33
Superintendent	1,174.92
Doctor	300.00
Nurse	970.00
Janitor	3,115.44
Attendance Officer	75.00
Census	100.00
Clerk	717.58

53,637.27

Expenses

Superintendent	583.07
Office Expenses	382.14
Books and Supplies	7,107.32
Building Maintenance	3,064.87
Fuel and Light	2,766.81
Transportation	10,162.05
Tuition	22,050.22
Equipment	4,482.85

50,599.33

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Expenses

Tuition	1,841.31
Transportation	362.30

2,203.61

Total Education

\$106,440.21

SCHOOL LUNCH

Expenses

Labor and Supplies	12,695.40
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12,695.40

LIBRARY

Salaries

On Order	1,321.00
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Expenses

On Order	2,285.66
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Total Library	\$ 3,606.66
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RECREATION

PARK

Wages

Labor	366.80
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Expenses

Supplies	101.10
Storage	50.00
Water	10.80
Spraying	45.00
Moving Gravel	299.00
Equipment	300.00

805.90

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Middleton Electric Light Dept.	68.22
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Total Recreation	\$ 1,240.92
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UNCLASSIFIED

INSURANCE

Workmen's Compensation and Liability	2,579.52	
Buildings—Blanket Policy	1,360.00	
Vehicles—Fire and Theft	51.10	
School Liability	28.47	
Clerk's Bond	7.50	
Collector's Bond and Burglary Insurance	191.82	
Treasurer's Bond and Burglary Insurance	136.83	
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		4,355.24
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		4,355.24

MEMORIAL DAY

Band	180.00	
Flowers, Wreaths, Flags	87.50	
Speaker and Music	43.00	
Refreshments	47.51	
Printing	1.75	
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		359.76
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		359.76

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS

Mirror Press, printing	832.37	
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		832.37

MANSFIELD FUND

Concerts	165.00	
Picnic	647.00	
Thanksgiving and Christmas	493.00	
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		1,305.00
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		1,305.00

FIRE-HIGHWAY BUILDING

Ray Thibedeau, Architect	3,030.49	
Conley Tree Surgeons	185.00	
Robert Bixby	89.80	
Conti & Donahue, contractor	3,496.86	
Advertisement	12.50	
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		6,814.65
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Total Unclassified		\$ 13,667.02

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Salaries

Commissioners

Richard B. Floyd	100.00
Frank E. Dow	100.00
George W. Nash	75.00
Charles G. Bates	25.00

Manager

Robert F. Thomas	5,300.00
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Clerk

2,360.00

7,960.00

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Energy

Essex County Electric Co.	68,063.67
Danvers Electric Light Dept.	153.32

68,216.99

Wages

Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	4,151.40
Haymond H. Currier	4,284.00
Wilbur A. Witham	2,635.90
Benjamin Nimblett	815.10
Willis W. Esty	2,449.20
Robert Young	120.00
George W. Nash	17.10

14,472.70

Expenses

Poles and Wire	7,541.82
Meters and Transformers	2,055.24
Street Light Equipment	157.20
Office Equipment	393.44
Miscellaneous Equipment	62.45
Substation Maintenance	539.41
Supplies	2,376.60
Meter Maintenance	200.76
Street Light Maintenance	232.09
Office Expenses	2,305.28
Insurance	1,078.76
Truck Maintenance	1,044.84
Depreciation	3,968.32
Line Clearance	1,500.00
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	23,456.21

DEPRECIATION FUND

Truck Purchase	700.00
Transformers	2,052.53
Poles and Wire	341.61
Construction	1,000.00

 4,094.14

 Total Electric Light Department

\$118,200.31

CEMETERIES

Salaries

Commissioners

Richard N. Maxwell	20.00
Michael Lavorqna	20.00
Leon N. Soper	15.00
Harold F. Purdy	5.00

Supt of Burials

Charles W. Baker	30.00
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90.00

Expenses

Labor	3,604.85
Truck Hire	180.00
Supplies	46.85
Water	15.00
Equipment	118.35
Opening Graves	439.20
Hot Topping Avenues	700.00

5,104.25

Total Cemeteries

\$ 5,194.25

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

LOANS

School Construction Loan	2,000.00	
School Addition Loan	10,000.00	
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		12,000.00

INTEREST

School Construction Loan	160.00	
School Addition Loan	2,940.00	
Fire-Highway Building	450.00	
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		3,550.00

PREMIUM ON LOAN

Printing Notes	47.25	
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		15,597.25

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,248.13	
State Parks and Reservations	370.20	
County Tax	6,983.92	
Dog Licenses to County	952.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	11,455.60	
Retirement Fund Deductions	2,494.01	
Retirement Fund Assessment	2,770.67	
Blue Cross Deductions	1,521.75	
Meter Deposits	450.00	
Beverage License	10.00	
Worcester Relief	154.86	
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		28,411.14

TRUST

Deposit of Endowment Fund	1,115.00	
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Total Agency and Trust		\$ 29,526.14

REFUNDS

1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	70.87
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	274.48
1953 Real Estate Tax	114.00
Cemetery Department	50.00
Electric Light Department	3.00

 512.35

 512.35

Total Expenditures	443,754.77
Cash Balance December 31, 1953	152,212.24
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	\$595,967.01

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Court Fees	150.00
Advertising By-Laws	61.65
Collector's Office Alterations	300.00
Treasurer's Expenses	153.50
Cemetery Hot Topping	200.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Moth Department	65.74
Tax Title Expenses	8.10
Memorial Hall Expenses	23.38
Town Hall Salary	41.00
Town Clerk's Expense	27.35
Wire Inspector's Expenses	7.09
Highway Expenses	200.00
Interest Fire-Highway Building	432.50
Police Wages	60.00
Police Expenses	80.00

 2,310.31

Recapitulation of Departmental Appropriation Transfer and Expenditures

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
DECEMBER 31, 1953				
Moderator, Salary		\$50.00	\$50.00	
Finance Committee, Expenses		30.00	10.00	20.00
Selectmen, Salaries		900.00	900.00	
Clerk		250.00	239.55	10.45
Expenses		450.00	417.25	32.75
Accountant, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses		100.00	45.45	54.55
Treasurer, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses	677.50			
Transfer	153.50	831.00	825.75	5.25
Tax Title				
Expenses	350.00			
Transfer	8.10	358.10	358.10	
Collector, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses		702.50	700.49	2.01
Office Alterations Transfer		300.00	299.28	.72
Assessors' Salaries		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Expenses		700.00	699.17	.83
Counsel, Salary		600.00	600.00	
Expenses Transfer		211.65	211.65	
Town Clerk, Salary		400.00	400.00	
Expenses	78.50			
Transfer	27.35	105.85	105.85	
Election & Registrations Salaries		100.00	100.00	
Expenses		250.00	187.89	62.11
Planning Board, Expenses		200.00	71.50	128.50
Town Hall,				
Salary	365.00			
Transfer	41.00	406.00	406.00	
Expenses		635.00	566.78	68.22
Memorial Hall, Salary		360.00	360.00	
Expenses	1,500.00			
Transfer	23.38	1,523.38	1,523.38	
Alterations		700.00	694.44	5.56
Constable, Salary		50.00	50.00	

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Police, Chief's Salary		3,710.00	3,710.00	
Wages	1,972.50			
Transfer	60.00	2,032.50	2,032.35	15
Car		1,000.00	819.91	180.09
Expenses	1,582.00			
Transfer	80.00			
Refund	28.00	1,690.00	1,690.00	
Civil Defense		572.52	134.66	437.86
Fire, Salaries		815.00	798.75	16.25
Expenses		4,205.00	4,203.28	1.72
Building Inspector, Salary		400.00	400.00	
Expenses		150.00	150.00	
Board of Appeals, Expenses		385.00	231.62	53.38
Wire Inspector, Salary		200.00	200.00	
Expenses	50.00			
Transfer	7.09	57.09	57.09	
Sealer of Weights and Measures				
Salary		125.00	125.00	
Expenses		25.00	25.00	
Moth, Expenses	1,200.00			
Transfer	65.74	1,265.74	1,265.74	
Tree Warden				
Expenses	1,000.00			
Transfer	500.00	1,500.00	1,498.30	1.70
Dutch Elm Disease Control		500.00	497.47	2.53
Planting Trees		300.00	298.41	1.59
Health Expenses		2,000.00	1,507.35	492.65
Dental Clinic Expenses		1,500.00	1,067.52	432.48
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary		100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Cattle		200.00	200.00	
Road Machinery Fund				
Balance	7,004.63			
Receipt	6,320.30	13,345.94	8,547.88	4,798.06*
Highway Truck		1,400.00		1,400.00
Highway				
Expenses	4,500.00			
Transfer	200.00	4,700.00	4,697.81	2.19
Chapter 81				
Maintenance	4,800.00			
State	8,800.00	13,600.00	13,600.00	

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Chapter 90				
Maintenance	2,000.00			
State	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Chapter 90				
Construction	3,262.28			
State and				
County	6,000.00	9,262.28	6,194.16	3,068.12*
Snow		7,500.00	6,009.38	1,490.62
Essex St. Land Takings		889.95		889.95*
Street Layouts		800.60	27.00	773.60*
Street Lighting		3,500.00	3,500.00	
Public Welfare, Salaries		475.00	475.00	
Expenses	5,000.00			
Transfer	2,000.00	7,000.00	6,137.48	862.52
Old Age Assistance				
Aid	27,500.00			
Refunds	41.77	27,541.77	24,099.79	3,441.98
Federal Grant Aid		23,979.47	18,798.67	5,180.80*
Aid Dependent Children, Aid		2,500.00	2,490.38	9.62
Federal Grant		3,047.53	1,891.23	1,156.30*
Disability Assistance, Aid		1,000.00	348.33	651.67
Federal Grant		168.93		168.93*
Central Essex Welfare District		613.00	613.00	
Veterans' Agent, Salary		250.00	250.00	
Expenses		25.00		25.00
Veterans' Aid	2,000.00			
Transfer	200.00	2,200.00	2,157.40	42.60
School, Salaries		55,613.00	53,637.27	1,975.73
Expenses		51,530.00	50,599.33	930.67
Lunches		13,911.62	12,695.40	1,016.22*
Vocational				
Education	2,000.00			
Transfer	500.00	2,500.00	2,203.61	296.39
Library, Salaries		1,400.00	1,321.00	79.00
Expenses		2,286.75	2,285.66	1.09
Park, Expenses	800.00			
Transfer	100.00	900.00	872.70	27.30
Equipment		450.00	300.00	150.00
Christmas Tree Lights		100.00	68.22	31.78
Town Reports		850.00	832.37	17.63
Memorial Day		400.00	359.76	40.24

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Retirement Assessment		2,770.67	2,770.67	
Insurance	4,350.00			
Refund	84.26	4,434.26	4,355.24	79.02
Fire-Highway Building		68,000.00	6,814.65	61,185.35*
Electric Light, Salaries		8,000.00	7,960.00	40.00
Wages	14,500.00			
Refund	101.53	14,601.53	14,472.70	128.83
Energy		72,000.00	68,216.99	3,783.01
Expenses	21,168.32			
Transfer	1,021.66	22,189.98	21,956.21	233.77
Line Clearance		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Depreciation		7,172.89	4,094.41	3,078.48*
Cemeteries, Salaries		90.00	90.00	
Expenses	3,100.00			
Income	767.00	3,867.00	3,846.70	20.30
Graves		750.00	439.20	310.80
Equipment		216.71	118.35	98.36*
Hot Topping	500.00			
Transfer	200.00	700.00	700.00	
Municipal Indebtedness		12,000.00	12,000.00	
Interest	3,100.00			
Transfer	450.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	
Premium		84.00	47.25	26.75

* Balances carried forward

Balance

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1953

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1953—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$152,212.24	Lands low value	\$ 161.63
Petty Cash Advance	150.00	Lots and Graves Fund	405.50
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		Mansfield Fund Interest	141.19
Taxes — 1953		Road Machinery Fund	4,798.06
Personal Property	243.40	Electric Light Department	
Real Estate	7,641.08	Meter Deposits	1,085.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	901.54	Depreciation Fund	3,078.48
Tax Titles and Possessions		Surplus	2,495.25
Tax Titles	2,062.66	Appropriation Balances	6,658.73
Tax Possessions	2,938.47	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	75,375.49
Departmental		1953 Overlay	1,117.10
Public Welfare	136.03	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	4,248.45
Old Age Assistance	1,308.79	Tailings—Uncashed checks	150.00
Aid Dependent Children	534.69	Premium on Loan	148.61
Town Hall	86.00	Revenue reserved until collected	26.75
Municipal Light		Departmental	2,065.51
Rates	6,911.67	Tax Titles	5,001.13
Miscellaneous	5.32	Motor Vehicle excise tax	901.54
Aid to Highways		Aid to Highway	13,533.60
State	11,533.60	Municipal Light	6,916.99
County	2,000.00		28,418.77
UNDERESTIMATES 1953		OVERESTIMATE 1953	
Essex Sanatorium	945.19	County Tax	170.49
State Parks	119.67	Surplus Revenue	67,910.08
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			\$189,730.85

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1953—DEBT AND TRUST ACCOUNTS

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		School Construction Loan	\$ 60,000.00
		School Addition Loan	158,000.00
		Fire-Highway Building	40,000.00
	<u>\$204,000.00</u>		<u>\$204,000.00</u>

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS		David Cummings Fund	
Cash and Securities		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 6,334.72
In custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 35,659.10	Charles L. Flint Fund	29,324.38
In custody of Library Trustees	9,948.29	Mary E. Emerson Fund	6,346.43
In custody of Naumkeag Trust Co.	10,159.02	B. F. Emerson Library Fund	3,601.86
	<u>\$ 55,766.41</u>		<u>10,159.02</u>
			<u>\$ 55,766.41</u>

PAYROLL ANALYSIS

HIGHWAY AND PARK DEPARTMENT

	Labor	Truck
Charles Bokes	5.50	
Leopold Blais	2,758.75	
Blais Brothers		468.00
John Caulfield	160.00	
Raymond Colby	2,770.00	
Charles Crosby	7.70	
Robert Cunningham		3.00
James Donovan	186.90	
Clinton French		6.00
Robert Fuller	2,778.75	
Alton Goodale	11.00	
Raymond Gould		144.00
John J. Hocter	3,706.50	
John J. Hocter, Jr.	140.80	
William J. Hocter	79.50	
Ted Klosowski		489.00
Edward A. Leary	32.00	
Allan Marshall	2,716.25	
James Ogden		276.00
George Nash	34.10	
William Pennock	10.00	
Marshall Paine	37.40	
Albert Roger	5.40	
Oscar H. Sheldon		253.00
Leonard Smith		12.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Charles Baker	1,764.00	180.00
Robert Bixby	106.00	
John Caulfield	122.00	
Peter Dzechiewicz	6.40	
Arthur Nichols	1,189.15	
Arthur Page	359.70	
Dominic Pellicelli	241.45	
Frank Sullivan	184.80	

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Algot Anderson	29.38	
Ernest Blanchette	27.08	
Robert Blanchette	10.80	
Raymond Colby	40.00	
James Conley	4.38	
Conley Tree Surgeons		96.75
Raymond Currier, Jr.	30.00	
James Donovan	182.52	
Timothy Daley	10.80	
Charles Decomopolis	10.80	
Robert Fuller	33.75	
Eugene Gould	42.50	
Edward Hemus	28.12	
Edward Knowles	22.53	
Emery LeTourneau	75.33	
Sterling Leonard	35.20	
Allan Marshall	20.00	
Robert Moore	10.00	
Arthur Nichols	2.50	
George Nieforth	167.50	
Clarence Osgood	179.20	
Donald Osgood	288.88	
Domonic Pellecelli	35.00	
Foster Pickard	7.80	
Albert Roger	148.40	
Leon Soper	718.76	
Oscar Sheldon		60.00
Edward White	50.08	

TREASURER'S REPORT**December 31, 1953**

Edward H. Leary, Treasurer in account with the town of
Middleton:

Balance of cash in Treasury January 1, 1953	\$114,558.88
Receipts for the year 1953	481,408.13
Total	<hr/> \$595,967.01
Payments for the year 1953	\$443,754.77
Balance of cash in Treasury December 31, 1953	152,212.24
Total	<hr/> \$595,967.01

CASH IN BANKS

U. S. Treasury Bills	\$ 39,876.80
Merchant's National Bank, Salem, Mass.	30,259.43
Danvers National Bank, Danvers, Mass.	78,703.32
United States Savings Bonds	1,480.00
Danvers Savings Bank	1,866.69
Undeposited Cash	26.00
Total Cash	<hr/> \$152,212.24

A complete report of all Trust Funds in my custody is shown on the following pages.

For the co-operation and support of the Town Officers, Committees and citizens, I wish to express my thanks and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. LEARY,

Town Treasurer

CUMMINGS FUND

December 31, 1953

Balance, January 1, 1953	\$ 6,216.58
United Shoe Machinery Corp., Shares	975.00

RECEIPTS

U.S.M.C., Dividends	\$ 97.52
Salem Savings Bank Interest	84.51
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank Interest	81.40
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Total income	\$ 263.43
Trustee's orders	\$ 7,454.01
	1,119.29
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Adjusted Total income	\$ 6,334.72
Balance, December 31, 1953	
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank	\$ 2,774.94
Salem Savings Bank	2,629.45
Merchants National Bank	455.33
United Shoe Machinery, Shares	975.00
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	\$ 6,334.72

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. LEARY,

Treasurer

LAND OWNED BY TOWN OF MIDDLETON

December 31, 1953

The town owns the following parcels of land which have been deeded to the Town by the Treasurer:

HASWELL PARK:

Lots 138-139, 146, 147, 152, 153, 155, 165, 166, 286-290 inclusive.

MIDDLETON PINES:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 351-355 inclusive; 456, 457, 532-535 inclusive, 948, 949.

RECREATION PARK:

1st lot of 9th parcel — Book 2253, Page 381

14th parcel — Book 2253, Page 381

2nd pasture Woodland and Meadow

Elliott Lot, Island pasture, Smith Lot, Sutton Lot

Lots G & H, Lots 61-68 inclusive, 128-130 inclusive, 231-236 inclusive, 237-240 inclusive.

RIVERVIEW PARK:

Lot 78.

SUMMIT VIEW PARK:

Lots 28, 30-34 inclusive, 35, 36, 51, 57, 58, 59, 91-93 inclusive, 94-97 inclusive, 136-148 inclusive, 153-156 inclusive, 157, 158, 159, 164-169 inclusive, 212, 213, 215-218 inclusive, 219-221 inclusive, 239, 242-251 inclusive, 257-270 inclusive, 279-285 inclusive, 288-301 inclusive, 307, 308, 311-318 inclusive, 326-337 inclusive, 344-371 inclusive, 376, 378-382 inclusive, 385-398 inclusive.

WOODLAND PARK:

Lots 107, 108, 109-112 inclusive, 113-117 inclusive, 118, 119, 135-138 inclusive, 143, 144, 332, 575, 576.

MISCELLANEOUS:

G. A. Fuller meadow, 4 acres (Cranberry bog)

Joseph Whittier Estate, Woodland Approx. 8 Acres.

EDWARD H. LEARY,

Treasurer

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Cemetery Endowment Account

Danvers Savings Bank

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Atwood, L. Frank	360	\$121.31	\$3.67	\$3.00	\$121.98
Averill, Joseph	346	102.30	3.08	3.00	102.38
Berry, Allen & Catherine ..	112	141.72	4.27	4.00	141.99
Berry, William	178	105.28	3.17	3.00	105.45
Brown, Sarah F. ½ of	434	55.72	1.67	1.00	56.39
Bryer, Allen D.	526	213.16	6.44	6.00	213.60
Butler, Warren ½ of	916	79.38	2.39	2.00	79.77
Carleton, Loring	34	425.32	12.85	12.00	426.17
Curtis, Phoebe .....	.....	56.02	1.68	1.00	56.70
Dame, John	284	166.05	5.01	4.00	167.06
Demsey, J. W.	156	104.21	3.14	3.00	104.35
Dennett, Ruth H.	24	81.69	2.45	2.00	82.14
Eaton, Irvin L.	168	78.62	2.36	2.00	78.98
Emerson, Benj. F.	214	168.80	5.09	5.00	168.89
Emerson, Eunice W.	166	106.32	3.20	3.00	106.52
Esty & Hutchinson	48	105.51	3.19	3.00	105.70
Esty, Alena A.	258	239.01	7.22	7.00	239.23
Esty, Annie E.	572	103.62	3.13	3.00	103.75
Evans, George	604	155.55	4.69	4.00	156.24
Flint, George B.	152	74.28	2.24	2.00	74.52
Fowler, Alonzo	12	277.47	8.38	8.00	277.85
Frame, L. Marie	516	134.70	4.05	4.00	134.75
Fuller, Daniel	628	104.64	3.15	3.00	104.79
Fuller, Lida A.	686	105.40	3.17	3.00	105.57
Fuller, Sohronia	236	247.37	7.48	7.00	247.85
Fuller, William	336	103.94	3.13	3.00	104.07
Gifford, William R.	180	105.31	3.17	3.00	105.48
Gilbert, James	188	105.82	3.19	3.00	106.01
Godfrey, William R.	714	102.33	3.08	3.00	102.41
Goodwin, Ira E. Heirs	3.80	115.16	3.47	3.00	115.63
Gould, Eben	514	107.46	3.25	3.00	107.71
Gould, Porter I.	414	105.53	3.19	3.00	105.72
Graves, Porter & Rich.	586	104.25	3.14	3.00	104.39
Graves, D. Augustine	234	104.24	3.14	3.00	104.38
Hame & King	356	138.16	4.17	4.00	138.33

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Hutchinson, Caroline A.	253	103.82	3.13	3.00	103.95
Hutchinson, Elisha P.	740	104.04	3.14	3.00	104.18
Johnson, Frank E.	804	120.40	3.63	3.00	121.03
Leavitt, Jerome	62	166.57	5.03	4.00	167.60
McIntire, Abraham S.	132	81.99	2.47	2.00	82.46
McIntire, Annie M.	338	111.67	3.37	3.00	112.04
Milbery, J. Wesley	706	106.13	3.20	3.00	106.33
Moore & Cram	54	161.05	4.87	4.00	161.92
Peabody & Hutchinson ..	182-184	163.96	4.94	4.00	164.90
Peabody, Andrew	56	104.35	3.14	3.00	104.49
Peabody, John L.	196	106.57	3.21	3.00	106.78
Peabody, William M. ....	.....	106.52	3.21	3.00	106.73
Peabody, Samuel M.	204	105.48	3.19	3.00	105.67
Peabody, S. Marie	584	107.85	3.25	3.00	108.10
Pike, Sarah I.	412	143.44	4.33	4.00	143.77
Phelps, William A.	148	105.09	3.17	3.00	105.26
Richardson, Eli	363	170.38	5.13	5.00	170.51
Richardson, Lucy G.	80	528.44	15.96	15.00	529.40
Russell, George	114	158.02	4.77	4.00	158.79
Russell, Harriet W. ....	.....	106.90	3.21	3.00	107.11
Russell, Persis B.	430	236.21	7.13	7.00	236.34
Sargent, James A.	750	108.44	3.27	3.00	108.71
Skinner & Wilkins	400	108.20	3.26	3.00	108.46
Smith, E. D. & M. J.	436	104.60	3.15	3.00	104.75
Smith, Sarah F.	102	175.36	5.29	5.00	175.65
Soper, Polly A.	298	104.95	3.15	3.00	105.10
Stiles, David ....	.....	175.89	5.30	5.00	176.19
Stiles, Farnham	10	104.92	3.15	3.00	105.07
Tedford, Joseph A.	810	163.04	4.93	4.00	163.97
Thomas, Hannah A.	64	81.40	2.45	2.00	81.85
Thompson, C. E. & E. L.	392	254.97	7.68	7.00	255.65
Tufts, Wilbur	486	104.18	3.14	3.00	104.32
Tyler, Ansel P.	540	189.41	5.72	5.00	190.13
Weston, Sameul W.	36	211.69	6.38	6.00	212.07
Wellman, John R.	40	224.52	6.77	6.00	225.29
Whitman, Carl N.	116	106.94	3.21	3.00	107.15
Wilkins, Luther	176	183.32	5.54	5.00	183.86
Wilkins, Henry A.	254	105.77	3.19	3.00	105.96
Wilkins, Timothy	50	109.53	3.31	3.00	109.84
		10,361.66	312.47	286.00	10,388.13

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
Cemetery Endowment Account
 Salem Savings Bank

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Baker, Charles, Jr.	398	\$154.71	\$4.67	4.00	\$155.38
Barnaby, John	308	153.80	4.64	4.00	154.44
Bastable, Arthur	9	157.68	4.76	5.00	157.44
Berry, Milton	718	155.68	4.70	5.00	155.37
Bewsher, Rhoda	508	201.00	6.08	N.C.	207.08
Boghosian, Leon ½ of	B15 ½	79.10	2.39	2.00	79.49
Boodro, Austin	B15	80.30	2.42	2.00	80.72
Bradstreet, H. H.	1	157.72	4.76	5.00	157.48
Bryer, Lillian L.	606	671.77	20.29	21.00	671.06
Carter, Mary A.	137	158.35	4.77	5.00	158.12
Curtis, Philip	B13	158.85	4.64	4.00	154.49
Darling, Lyman	438	155.20	4.69	5.00	154.89
Densmore, Stanley	B3	155.77	4.70	5.00	155.47
Derrah, James Henry	288	102.98	3.09	2.00	104.07
Donovan, Patrick ½ of	B21	100.00	2.77	N.C.	102.77
Downing, William	626	112.68	3.39	3.00	113.07
Duncan, Reuban	489	155.41	4.69	5.00	155.10
Emerson, Ellen M.	138	103.59	3.13	3.00	103.72
Emerson, Henry P.	496	543.76	16.42	17.00	543.18
Esty, Loren G.	538	125.24	3.79	4.00	125.03
Firman, Aaron G.	504	54.17	1.62	1.00	54.79
Fletcher, Samuel A.	130	103.38	3.11	3.00	103.49
Flint, Harley A.	256	102.81	3.09	3.00	102.90
Frost, Charles A.	340	179.59	5.42	5.00	180.01
Fuller, Abijah	110	179.13	5.41	5.00	179.54
Gifford, George ½ of	10B sec.				100.00
Gould, Andrew	362	57.01	1.72	1.00	57.73
Gould, Mary	422	208.04	6.29	6.00	208.33
Gould, Walter	578	155.87	4.70	5.00	155.57
Graham, Benj. & Edythe ...	139	155.78	4.70	5.00	155.48
Harris, A. H. ½ of	B19	76.57	2.30	1.00	77.87
Hatch, Herbert O.	642	155.88	4.70	5.00	155.58
Hilton, Ellen J.	492 ½	175.31	5.29	5.00	175.60
Hoelzel, William	576	156.93	4.73	5.00	156.66
Howe, Benjamin	160	155.76	4.70	5.00	155.46
Illingsworth	822	151.13	4.57	1.00	154.70
Illingsworth, R.	915	78.41	2.36	2.00	78.77
Jones, John & Mary	802	208.24	6.29	6.00	208.53

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Jopp, C. B.	912	79.72	2.39	2.00	80.11
LeBeau, Ernest	B17½	78.25	2.36	2.00	78.61
Lee & Meade	82	155.19	4.69	5.00	154.88
Leonard & Henderson ..	141-143	314.91	9.50	10.00	314.41
Lever, William	18	155.38	4.69	5.00	155.07
Martin, William	908	155.39	4.69	5.00	155.08
Maxwell, Richard	902	202.50	6.11	2.00	206.61
Metcalf, John	624	155.83	4.70	5.00	155.53
Millett, Annie L. ....	.....	157.58	4.75	5.00	157.33
McGlauffin, Benj. T.	76	157.94	4.76	5.00	157.70
McKeene, Thomas	532	157.68	4.76	5.00	157.44
Nash, Harold	B11	79.07	2.39	2.00	79.46
Nelson, Roy	910	155.80	4.70	5.00	155.50
Paine, Walter	7	156.57	4.71	5.00	156.28
Peabody, Merrill	754	105.35	3.17	3.00	105.52
Perkins, Williams	643	214.75	6.47	6.00	215.22
Phelps, Annie	146	177.73	5.36	5.00	178.09
Richardson, William J.	250	161.35	4.87	5.00	161.22
Robertson, Mary D.	242	102.98	3.09	2.00	104.07
Russell, Serena	477	157.82	4.76	5.00	157.58
Sanford, Radford & Martin	580	154.47	4.65	4.00	155.12
Sanford, William	112	79.43	2.39	2.00	79.82
Sheldon, Alonzo	682	158.18	4.77	5.00	157.95
Sheldon, Lucy	212	160.84	4.85	5.00	160.69
Shepard, Augustine	78	.....	4.52	N.C.	204.52
Smith, George	764	111.03	3.35	3.00	111.38
Stewart, Richard	676	154.68	4.65	5.00	154.33
Symonds, Charles	448	105.48	3.19	3.00	105.67
Townsend, Edward	468	154.34	4.65	4.00	154.99
Townsend, Ernest	454	154.34	4.65	4.00	154.99
Tyler, Alma .....	.....	154.91	4.67	5.00	154.58
Tyler, Henrietta .....	.....	154.91	4.67	5.00	154.58
Wiggins, Alexander	806	175.31	5.29	N.C.	180.60
Wiggins, Alvin	218	156.07	4.71	5.00	155.78
Wilkins, Charles	459	157.94	4.76	5.00	157.70
Wilkins, Susan A.	596	106.20	3.20	3.00	106.40
Wilkins & Young	614	156.95	4.73	3.00	156.68
Williams, Percy	½ of B17	78.63	2.36	2.00	78.99
Young, William M.	½ of B18	77.23	2.33	2.00	77.56
		11,565.32	353.10	321.00	11,897.42

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Cemetery Endowment Account

Salem Five Cent Savings Bank

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Atwood, Morrison	128	\$166.16	\$5.01	\$4.00	\$167.17
Averill, Edward P.	52	104.88	3.15	3.00	105.03
Barnaby, Caroline V.	646	115.52	3.49	3.00	116.01
Batchelder, Harold T.	528	85.47	2.57	2.00	86.04
Brown, Carl	914	159.06	4.81	4.00	159.87
Conlon, Mary A. ....	.....	106.73	3.21	3.00	106.94
Curry, Mary A.	342	108.66	3.27	3.00	108.93
Day, Mrs. Geo. E. ½ of	588	55.41	1.67	1.00	56.08
Day, Weaver	248	159.29	4.81	4.00	160.10
Evans, Otis	409½	159.06	4.81	4.00	159.87
Fuller, Jerimiah	76	142.54	4.29	4.00	142.83
Fuller, Luella F.	158	158.74	4.79	4.00	159.53
Fuller, Lydia & Timothy ..	268	105.33	3.17	3.00	105.50
Fuller & Taylor	644	157.07	4.75	4.00	157.82
Goswiler, Carl B.	716	165.82	5.00	4.00	166.82
Hall, E. P.	106	107.70	3.25	3.00	107.95
Harlow, Levi F.	684	108.46	3.27	3.00	108.73
Haskell, Ella C.	390	208.86	6.29	6.00	209.15
Higgins, Lewis S.	264	109.84	3.31	3.00	110.15
Hobbs, Kathryn	½ of 588	55.54	1.67	1.00	56.21
Hutchinson & Russell	18	105.10	3.17	3.00	105.27
Jones, John E.	372	106.05	3.20	3.00	106.25
Jones, Samuel	290	106.29	3.20	3.00	106.49
Mosher, William	850	155.43	4.69	4.00	156.12
Peabody, A. W.	90	253.91	7.66	7.00	254.57
Peabody, Dean	344	103.88	3.13	3.00	104.01
Peabody, John W.	192	157.11	4.75	4.00	157.86
Peabody, Laura E.	534	104.34	3.14	3.00	104.48
Putney, Lucretia	104	155.73	4.70	4.00	156.43
Richardson, Benj. F.	164	104.64	3.15	3.00	104.79
Richardson, Daniel W., Rev.	410	106.33	3.20	3.00	106.53
Richardson, Daniel .....	.....	105.61	3.19	3.00	105.80
Rieley & Daniels	32	155.43	4.69	4.00	156.12
Stiles, Hiram A.	30	166.58	5.03	5.00	166.61
Stiles, Osgood F.	424	166.10	5.01	4.00	167.11
Stiles, Summer P.	482	166.60	5.03	5.00	166.63

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1952	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1953
Taylor, Benj. H.	334	105.01	3.17	3.00	105.18
White, Henry F.	208	84.72	2.54	2.00	85.26
Wilkins, Henry & Caroline	440	322.23	9.74	9.00	322.97
Wilkins, Edward H.	172	194.62	5.87	5.00	195.49
Wilkins, Samuel H.	230	105.41	3.17	3.00	105.58
Young, John	278	105.22	3.17	3.00	105.39
		<hr/> 5,676.48	<hr/> 171.19	<hr/> 152.00	<hr/> 5,695.67

Reports

OF THE

Various Departments

1953



FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

INCOME:

Balance, January 1, 1953	\$ 1,101.26
Naumkeag Trust Co.	406.96
Essex Savings Bank	25.00
Broadway Savings Bank	51.30
Book Fines	20.00
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Total	\$ 1,604.52
Town appropriation for expenses plus dog tax	2,286.75
Town appropriation for salaries	1,400.00
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	\$ 5,291.27

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries:

Librarian	\$ 600.00
Assistant Librarian	421.00
Janitor	300.00
Returned to Revenue	79.00
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\$ 1,400.00

EXPENDITURES:

Exepnses:

Fuel	\$ 439.70
Light	81.36
Water	6.40
Insurance	229.40
Building Maintenance	825.76
Magazines	77.28
New Books	537.41
Miscellaneous	95.16
Balance	
Naumkeag Trust Co.	1,337.58
On hand,	
not yet deposited	260.13
Returned to Revenue	1.09
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\$ 3,891.27

\$ 5,291.27

Respectfully submitted,
ELMER O. CAMPBELL, JR., Treasurer

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Charles L. Flint Fund, principal

Deposited in banks, December 31, 1953:		\$ 5,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	\$ 1,230.68	
Danvers Savings Bank	1,524.33	
Broadway Savings Bank	1,866.96	
Essex Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Salem Savings Bank	724.46	
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		\$ 6,346.43

MARY ESTEY EMERSON FUND

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Mary Estey Emerson Fund, principal \$ 2,500.00

Deposited in Banks, December 31, 1953:		
Cerena Apt. Building Bond (Par value)	\$ 500.00	
Deposited in Danvers Savings Bank	2,324.72	
Deposited in Danvers National Bank	777.14	
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		\$ 3,601.86

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER O CAMPBELL, JR.,

Treasurer

Income from B. F. Emerson Fund, Naumkeag Trust Co. \$ 406.96

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1953

Flint Public Library has been open the usual hours during the year 1953. The library hours are:

Tuesday — 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Friday — 6.00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Saturday — 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The library hours on Tuesday have been increased one hour, opening at 2:00 P.M. instead of 3:00 P.M. This was done to cooperate with the Howe-Manning School, and will give pupils who have to go on the buses, a chance to visit the library before leaving for home. Through Mr. Dower, the principal, a class under supervision of teachers has visited the library many Tuesday afternoons. They will become acquainted with the books, for some of the children have never visited the library. This plan went into effect November 17.

Books were sent to Howe-Manning School for the special reading required by the State Department of Education for the awarding of certificates.

In November, National Book Week was observed with exhibits in the adult reading room and a large number of visitors came to the library. Many new books for children and young people were on display, also some very interesting new books for adults both fiction and non-fiction.

Magazines in the reading room

American Boy	Jack and Jill
American Girl	Life
American Home	McCall's Needlework
American Magazine	Nature Magazine
Better Homes and Gardens	National Geographic
Child Life	News Week
Everybody's Poultry	Our Dumb Animals
Farm Journal	Popular Mechanics
Home Craftsman	Seventeen

Many fine books have been received as gifts to the library in 1953. It is very helpful to have these additions to the shelves and will give pleasure to many readers. Also it is adding valuable reference material for students.

The librarian is very appreciative of the cooperation and assistance which the trustees have given during the past year.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Volumes in the library January 1, 1953	11,123
Volumes added by purchase	272
Volumes added by gift	102
Volumes in library January 1, 1954	11,497
Total circulation of books, year ending January 1, 1954	6,694
Total circulation of non-fiction	2,104
Largest monthly circulation	414

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH E. CARLETON

Librarian

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Board of Selectmen submit for your approval its annual report of activities for the year ending December 31st, 1953.

Meetings have been held each Tuesday evening at 8:00 P.M. at Memorial Hall, except during the months of July and August when meetings were held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This year we found it necessary to hold four special meetings to complete the Town's business.

This year it was found necessary to hold two Special Town Meetings, the first being held Tuesday, March 10, and the second held Tuesday, December 29th.

A vacancy in office was filled this past year by a joint meeting of this Board and the Planning Board. On June 2nd Lewis Barret was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Roger Clapp.

On March 24th James Ogden was appointed custodian of the Town Hall to fill the unexpired term of Arthur K. Fuller who resigned.

This year the Mansfield Fund held its Town Picnic at Pine Island Park, Manchester, N.H. on Tuesday, August 11th. Ten buses were needed to transport the children, one more than were used in 1952. The Wakefield Redmen's Band presented a concert at our Park Friday, August 7th in conjunction with the annual Firemen's Muster. Baskets were also distributed at Thanksgiving and at Christmas from funds made available for this purpose.

TOWN BUILDINGS

In our rebuilding program at Memorial Hall, this year we completed a new office for the use of the Electric Light Department Manager and Commissioners. This allowed us to give the Tax Collector an office for his work and relieved the crowded conditions existing with the joint use of an office by the Board of Assessors and Tax Collector. Four offices were redecorated this year. Our program for 1954 calls for work to be done on the outside of Memorial Hall, namely painting the building, repairing gutters and the removal of the flag pole on the roof.

The Board this year revised the rental rates at the Town Hall and the following schedule was adopted:

Out of Town or Business Use	\$6.00
Social Organizations of this Town	4.00
Rehearsals	2.00

Many of the damaged chairs at the Town Hall were repaired giving us a minimum number to use for seating.

The Board has placed an article in the Annual Warrant requesting the Town to consider the advisability of removing the office of Town Hall Custodian from the Ballot and placing it in our hands as an appointive office. It is the feeling of this Board that an arrangement may be worked out very satisfactorily by combining several of the Town janitor jobs into one.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Mr. John Hocter was appointed as Park Superintendent for 1953 to enable joint use of men and equipment between the Highway Department and the Park Department.

In addition to our ordinary Park maintenance program this year we purchased a gang lawn mower which was used on the Highway Department tractor and speeded up the mowing process very much. We also were able to remove much of the rubble located at the lower end of the Park.

This Department suffered a serious loss when tables placed in the pine grove were destroyed by vandalism.

We also added to our Park equipment by the purchase of additional baseball equipment.

The basketball court was relocated.

In line with our program established several years ago this Board has continued its work with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Works on traffic control and regulations.

This year with the cooperation of the Department of Public Works a traffic control island and signal lights were placed in Middleton Square and the full expense of this project was borne by the State.

We have also been assured by the Department of Public Works that steps will be taken to relieve the Gap Conditions now existing at a point from Middleton Square to Boston Street. Surveys of this project have been completed and plans are in the process to schedule this project in 1954. We wish to extend our thanks to Representative Paul Zollo for his efficient help in this matter.

We again requested funds from the Department of Public Works for the renewal of the Peabody Street Bridge which has been in poor condition for the past several years. As a result we have been allotted \$3,000.00 from the State.

In line with this, the Board has placed an article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00, which is to be matched by the County.

As directed at the Annual Town Meeting of 1953 under Article 20 this Board completed with Hazen K. Richardson the transfer of land between Mr. Richardson and the Town at Middleton Square.

As directed under Article 10 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting this Board together with the Chief of Police purchased a new 1953 Ford Police Car.

Working with the Town Treasurer this Board approved and issued bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00 as directed under Article 16 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting. Such funds when received were reinvested in Government Notes until such date as they will be needed to pay the Town's obligations on construction of the new Fire and Highway Building.

As the Worcester Disaster Committee we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the merchants and citizens together with the Middleton Boy Scouts for making it such a success.

We wish to extend our thanks to the townspeople, Town Officers, and Department heads for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.

WILLIS W. ESTY

JAMES H. COFFIN

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Marriage Record For 1953

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
Jan. 11	Lynn	Robert James Saulnier	Middleton
		Gladys Mae DeBarge	Middleton
Jan. 11	Danvers	James William Stewart	Middleton
		Jean E. Palardy	Danvers
Jan. 18	Middleton	George Elmer Williams	Malden
		Rena Marie Gallant	Middleton
Feb. 8	Revere	Edward Walter Sedler	Middleton
		Margaret Ann Armitstead	Revere
Apr. 11	Lynn	Ludwig Blumberg	Middleton
		Mary Paulson	Peabody
May 2	Middleton	John Sawyer	Salem
		Antonetta Palimeno	Boston
June 7	Danvers	Richard W. Porter	Middleton
		Dorothy A. Yonge	Danvers
June 21	Danvers	Sheldon Theodore Green	Middleton
		Barbara Ann Robicheau	Danvers
June 21	Danvers	Robert M. Young	Middleton
		Natalie V. Klosowski	Danvers
July 18	Topsfield	Richard Jones Meade	Middleton
		Ann Elizabeth Cornish	Salem
Aug. 13	Middleton	Wilton Irving Hopkins	Orleans, Mass.
		Esther Louise Landry	Chatham, Mass.
Aug. 15	Hampstead, N.H.	George Dauncy Sullivan	Middleton
		Mildred Mary Lewis	Beverly
Aug. 28	Middleton	Robert Emanuel Arren	Peabody
		Hope Hellas Getchell	Danvers
Oct. 3	Middleton	Chester Hugh Arthur, Jr.	Danvers
		Gill Gail Ludwig	Middleton
Oct. 3	Wilmington	Hugh Leslie Porter	Middleton
		Florence Vernetta Spear	Wilmington
Oct. 16	Danvers	Harold William Paul	Middleton
		Judith Brown	Danvers
Oct. 17	Somerville	Louis Philip Flynn	Middleton
		Marie M. Comeau	Somerville
Nov. 8	Middleton	Howard Augustus Elms, Jr.	Haverhill
		Marion Grace Peachey	Middleton

Birth Record For 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 12	Mark Francis Rubchinuk	Fred Rubchinuk Marcella Adelaide Hebb
Jan. 17	Walter Otis McLeod	Donald H. McLeod Ina D. Hardy
Feb. 7	Brian Leo Donovan	Daniel J. Donovan Audrey Higgins
Feb. 8	Stephen Lionel Cashman	Wm. Frederick Cashman Doris Alice Bouchard
Feb. 18	Ann Elaine Page	Arthur T. Page, Jr. Mary S. Campbell
Mar. 14	Carole Ann Whitmore	Benjamin F. Whitmore Blanche E. Graglia
Mar. 25	Richard Fraser Nash	George W. Nash Dorothy H. Fraser
Apr. 5	Wayne Charles Colby	Raymond Norman Colby Jeannette Helen Saulnier
Apr. 13	Clayton Phillip Rubchinuk	Peter Rubchinuk Olive M. Skinner
Apr. 20	Paul Craig Schumann	Royce Landon Schumann Marilyn Claire Mayo
May 9	Barbara Ellen Hunt	William Clifford Hunt, Jr. Helen Elizabeth Mills
May 11	Archibald Eldridge Griffin, Jr.	Archibald E. Griffin Marilyn F. Tarr
May 21	Joyce Aileen Bailey	Roger Gray Bailey Dorothy Wilhelmina Dimes
June 1	Jill Borthwick	John Walker Borthwick Pearl Marie Newhouse
July 7	Pamella Lucia Peachey	George A. Peachey Giuseppa Conti

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
July 9	Leonard John Nuttall	Leonard J. Nuttall Ethel Pecukonis
July 11	Nancy Marie Langis	Raymond C. Langis Sally F. Alexander
July 11	Francis Xavier Tremblay	Francis Xavier Tremblay Marie Alice Richard
July 16	Dana Francis Masse	Francis X. Masse Virginia M. Kuell
July 27	Barbara Jean Bandemer	Howard R. Bandemer Florence E. Buckam
July 27	Priscilla Ruth LeColst	Frank T. LeColst Priscilla G. Foss
July 27	Grace Evelyn Hackett	Gordon W. Hackett Grace E. Jennison
July 28	David Benjamin Ogden	William Francis Ogden Martha Frances Rowell
Aug. 3	Stephen Francis Gray	William F. Gray Sylvia Sutherland
Aug. 23	Cindy Michele Lavorgna	Michael Lavorgna Villa Walker
Aug. 24	Carol Ann Chase	Raymond E. Chase Joan C. Barthelemy
Aug. 24	Sarah Diane Whitten	John Whitten Diane L. Dame
Sept. 8	Janet Bartnicki	Thaddeus S. Bartnicki Susan Nangle
Sept. 10	Dana Paul Greenlaw	Paul H. Greenlaw Janet C. Hudson
Sept. 16	Janet Barbara Haines	David E. Haines Ruth Wyer
Sept. 19	Barbara Ann Johnson	Arthur R. Johnson Kathleen M. Barley

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Oct. 1	Loretta Ann Lee	Joseph T. Lee Mary E. Meagher
Oct. 2	Jay Mark Johnston	Robert W. Johnston Shirley A. Johnson
Oct. 3	Nancy Day Everett	Paul D. Everett, Jr. Marilyn Jean Russell
Oct. 9	James Robert Saulnier	James Robert Saulnier Gladys Sawyer
Oct. 20	Laureen Marie Bastable	James P. Bastable Mary Louise Pickard
Oct. 22	Francis John Hocter	John J. Hocter Mary C. Doherty
Oct. 30	Douglass Lippincott Urner	Carl G. Urner A. Pauline Lippincott
Nov. 5	Marc Steven Larocque	Roland Larocque Dorothy Helen Graffam
Nov. 13	Linda Kimball Dixey	Donald K. Dixey Laurette F. Gregoire
Nov. 15	Robert Laurence Kilroy	Arthur Gilbert Kilroy Bertille Christine Simard
Nov. 19	Carol Ann Pool	Marshall L. Pool Genevieve A. Campbell
Nov. 27	Patrick Louis Doyle	Louis R. Doyle Barbara F. McDonald

Record of Resident Deaths for 1953

Date	Name of Deceased	Years	Months	Days
Jan. 25	Dr. Hubert P. Colton	64	—	—
Jan. 26	Simon Roesger	71	6	12
Mar. 6	Ethel Hicks Gamble	75	9	1
Apr. 29	George Trayers	58	—	—
May 1	Aimee Mila Chouinard	69	—	—
May 20	Joseph Rogalski	80	—	—
May 23	Adaline M. Hayes	75	—	—
June 6	Margaret E. O'Brien Hocter	77	—	—
June 25	Daniel W. Benham	62	3	21
July 13	Jessie Mason Morrill	70	7	16
July 26	Merton Punchard	44	6	13
July 27	Elizabeth Dooling	46	7	—
Sept. 10	George F. Moreland	76	9	18
Sept. 18	Alva P. Gifford	63	—	—
Sept. 24	Carolyn Louise Wilkins	63	—	—
Nov. 16	Lois Roode	56	4	14
Nov. 16	Edward Jellerson	80	—	—
Dec. 20	Horace S. Emerson	90	10	26
Dec. 27	John M. Addison	65	9	—
Dec. 27	George E. Foley	59	7	7

Stillborn Deaths 2

Non-Resident Deaths 31

Any errors or omissions should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

Dog Taxes Collected For 1953

255 Male Dogs at \$2.00	\$ 510.00
49 Female Dogs at \$5.00	245.00
74 Spayed Female Dogs at \$2.00	148.00
11 Kennel at \$10.00	110.00
3 Kennel at \$25.00	75.00
	\$1,088.00
Less Fees deducted	78.40
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,009.60

Licenses Issued For 1953

86 Resident Citizens	Fishing
91 Resident Citizens	Hunting
43 Resident Citizens	Sporting
22 Resident Citizens	Minor's Fishing
23 Resident Citizens	Women's Fishing
6 Resident Citizens	Trapping
10 Resident Citizens	Free (Military)
2 Resident Citizens	Free (Old Age Ass't.)
1 Non-Resident	Fishing
6 Resident Citizens	Sporting (70 years or over)
1 Non-Resident Military	Sporting

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL

Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

The following is a list of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws.

Name	Street	Occupation
Doane, Arthur G.	North Main Street	Insurance
Floyd, Richard G.	Pleasant Street	Shipper
Fuller, Arthur	Maple Street	Farmer
Goodale, Ernest P.	King Street	Shipper
Luscomb, George H.	North Main Street	Retired
Mooreland, George F.	South Main Street	Retired
Nichols, Arthur	Liberty Street	Retired
Ogden, George B.	East Street	Retired
Peart, James W.	Forest Street	Blacksmith
Pennell, Roger	Highland Park	Shipper
Pike, Sands	Maple Street	Retired
Raynard, Ralph	Boston Street	Foreman
Sears, James W.	Lake Street	Retired
Sheldon, Oscar H.	Maple Street	Retired
Woodbury, Ralph A.	Maple Street	Retired

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen

Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Permits applied for	119
Permits issued	118
Permits not granted	1
Jobs completed	90
Jobs not completed	28
Buildings moved	3
Permits for shingling	4
Permits for razing	3
Calls made for inspection	676
Mileage covered	1290 miles
Amount collected in fees	\$340.00
Estimated value of total permits issued	\$390,718.00
Estimated value new construction	\$361,412.00
Estimated value new construction completed	\$231,562.00
Estimated value new construction not completed	\$129,850.00
Estimated value remodeling	\$29,306.00
Estimated value remodeling completed	\$18,795.00
Estimated value remodeling not completed	\$10,511.00

I wish to thank the town officials and the general public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL F. JONES,

Building Inspector

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1953 Tax Rate.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriation	\$350,157.99
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	51,836.75
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years	
State Parks and Reservations	250.53
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,248.13
County Tax	7,154.41
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	2,140.47
1953 Overlay	8,270.21
Gross Amount to be raised	\$421,187.91

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$ 21,513.89
Corporation Taxes	12,250.60
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	1,978.25
Old Age Tax (Meals) Chap. 64B, S. 10	883.77
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,000.00
Licenses	3,000.00
Fines	
Special Assessments	
General Government	1,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	500.00
Health and Sanitation	200.00
Charities (other than federal grants)	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	20,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Schools (funds from income tax not to be included)	6,500.00
Public Service Enterprises	117,968.32
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	500.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	350.00

State Assistance for School Construction, Ch. 645, Acts of 1948	5,000.00
Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds:	
County Tax	600.86
T. B. Hospital	485.87
Amounts to be taken from available funds	61,836.75
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$268,168.31
Gross Amount to be raised	421,187.91
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	268,168.31
Net Amount to be Raised by Tax	\$153,019.60
Net Amount raised by taxation on Personal Property	10,715.49
Net amount raised by taxation on Real Estate	140,631.94
Number of Polls Assessed 836	1,672.00
Fractional Gain	.17
	\$153,019.60
TOTAL VALUATION:	
Personal Property	187,991.00
Real Estate	2,467,227.00
1953 Tax Rate	57.00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. WAKE, SR.
DANIEL J. DONOVAN
WILLIAM BIRCH

Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1952

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 7,753.40	
Interest	211.29	
Collections		7,660.54
Transferred to Tax Title Accounts		304.15
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	\$ 7,964.69	\$ 7,964.69

REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1953

1953 Commitment	\$140,632.06	
Refund	114.00	
Interest	23.15	
Collections		129,279.35
Abatements		3,207.90
Transferred to Tax Title Accounts		640.88
Uncollected balance December 31, 1953		7,641.08
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	\$140,769.21	\$140,769.21

MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1952

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 2,720.88	
Committed in 1953	1,103.91	
Interest	26.07	
Refunds	70.87	
Collections		\$ 3,238.18
Abatements		683.55
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	\$ 3,921.73	\$ 3,921.73

MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1953

1953 Commitment	\$ 19,645.56	
Interest	22.83	
Refunds	274.48	
Collections		15,624.23
Abatements		689.55
*Uncollected balance December 31, 1953		3,629.09
	<u>\$ 19,942.87</u>	<u>\$ 19,942.87</u>

* Includes late commitment of 186 accounts totaling \$2,727.55.
Because of bookkeeping procedure, this amount must be shown as
part of uncollected balance for 1953.

POLL TAXES — 1953

1953 Commitment	\$ 1,682.00	
Interest	1.26	
Collections		1,359.26
Abatements		324.00
	<u>\$ 1,683.26</u>	<u>\$ 1,683.26</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1952

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 252.98	
Interest	4.27	
Collections		257.25
	<u>\$ 257.25</u>	<u>\$ 257.25</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1953

1953 Commitment	\$ 10,715.54	
Interest	3.24	
Collections		9,985.52
Abatements		489.86
Uncollected balance December 31, 1953		243.40
	<u>\$ 10,718.78</u>	<u>\$ 10,718.78</u>

**SUMMARY AND COMPARISON
1949 — 1953**

	Commitment 1949	Commitment 1953	Amt. of Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 89,927.63	\$140,632.06	\$ 50,704.43
Excise Taxes	9,734.15	20,749.47	11,015.32
Poll Taxes	1,540.00	1,682.00	142.00
Personal Property Taxes	5,974.00	10,715.54	4,741.54
	<hr/> \$107,175.78	<hr/> \$173,779.07	<hr/> \$ 66,603.29
	Collections 1949	Collections 1953	Amt. of Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 88,134.04	\$136,939.89	\$ 48,805.85
Excise Taxes	8,844.01	18,862.41	10,018.40
Poll Taxes	1,407.47	1,359.26	48.21*
Personal Property Taxes	7,153.41	10,242.77	3,089.36
	<hr/> \$105,538.93	<hr/> \$167,404.33	<hr/> \$ 61,865.40

* Decrease due to abatements. \$162.00 in 1949, \$324.00 in 1953.

NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS

	1949	1953	Increase
Real Estate	1037	1114	77
Excise	1019	1406	387
Poll	770	841	71
Personal Property	91	90	1*
	<hr/> 2917	<hr/> 3451	<hr/> 534

* Decrease

The above comparison shows the increase in volume of business during the past five years. Tax commitments show an increase of \$66,603.29 with a corresponding increase in collections of \$61,865.40. There has been an increase of 534 in the number of tax accounts handled during this same five year period.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER,
Collector of Taxes

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1953.

As in the past, every effort has been made to operate with as much efficiency as possible, to make the highways as safe as possible, and to remove snow and sand the highways so that when a storm ends, the highways will be as normal as possible.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Essex Street has been excavated and gravel spread for a distance of 1200 feet and the same distance has been reconstructed and oiled.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

	Work Done	Distance
Lowell Street	sealcoated for a distance of	.24 miles
Maple Street	sealcoated for a distance of	.20 miles
Essex Street	guardrail	700 feet
Essex Street	oiled for a distance of	.02 miles

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Mill Street	rebuilt, gravel and oil for a distance of	.50 miles
Arrow Street	rebuilt, gravel and oil for a distance of	.18 miles
Birch Avenue	rebuilt, gravel and oil for a distance of	.10 miles
Grove Avenue	rebuilt, gravel and oil for a distance of	.05 miles
Oak Avenue	rebuilt, gravel and oil for a distance of	.05 miles
Riverview Drive	oiled for a distance of	.15 miles
Highland Ave.	rebuilt, gravel and oiled for a distance of	.13 miles
Cross Street	rebuilt, gravel and oiled for a distance of	.05 miles
Juniper Avenue	rebuilt, gravel and oiled for a distance of	.06 miles
Perkins Road	oiled, gravel and oiled for a distance of	.25 miles
Pine Street	oiled, gravel and oiled for a distance of	.06 miles
Essex Street	oiled for a distance of	.80 miles
Logbridge Road	oiled for a distance of	.32 miles
Hilldale Avenue	oiled for a distance of	.30 miles
Mill Street	oiled for a distance of	.25 miles

Drainage on Lakeview Ave. 225 ft., two catch basins

A total of 17,943 gallons of oil have been used for resurfacing work.

Two retaining walls have been rebuilt by Ipswich River bridge on Peabody Street.

125 feet of drainage on Liberty Street and two catch-basins installed.

During the late fall and early winter brush has been cut for a distance of six feet on either side of the street thus improving general conditions.

The highway surveyor and all members of the department wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department and the Finance Committee for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. HOCTER, SR.

Highway Surveyor

TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

Following is the Annual Report of the Tree Department for the year 1953.

Again this year there was a bad storm in April. The heavy snow and wind caused damage to many trees, although only one tree was broken off. The tree and highway departments spent two weeks removing broken and hanging limbs, especially from Pine trees.

Tree work was done on the following streets:

	Trees Removed	Topped	Pruned	Cabled
King Street	1		10	
Maple Street	2	1	5	1
East Street	4	1		
Peabody Street		1		
Arrow Street	2			
Liberty Street	1		2	
Essex Street	9			
Lake Street	2			
Pleasant Street	2		40	1
Park Avenue	4			
Log Bridge Road	3			
River Street	2			

A total of 27 new trees were planted.

Construction line clearing was done in conjunction with the Middleton Light Dept. and the N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co. on the following streets:

Log Bridge Road	Park Avenue
King Street	Essex Street

At this time I would like to express my thanks to the heads of departments for the cooperation they have given me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,

Tree Warden

MOTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Middleton

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Moth Department.

Four sprays were applied to the trees during the year. Three were for the control of Dutch Elm disease and Elm Leaf Beetle. As there was a bad infestation of tent caterpillar the fourth spray was applied to the wild cherry and apple trees along the roadsides.

The Gypsy Moth has been increasing in Essex County in the last few years and is now in Middleton. A bad infestation has been found at the upper end of Essex Street and North Liberty Street.

I have asked for a larger appropriation to have this area sprayed by air in conjunction with North Andover and Boxford and the Department of Natural Resources.

Eight specimens were taken from Elm trees and sent to Amherst for culture. Of these three came back positive.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,

Moth Supt.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department
for the year ending December 31, 1953.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief of Police—James W. Wentworth

Sergeant—Lloyd H. Getchell

Regular Specials—Arthur G. Doane, Alexander Fraser, Joseph P.
Peters, William C. Pennock, Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.

For Special Duty—Philip H. Dearth, Charles Pasquale, Leon N. Soper

OFFENCE FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault and battery	2
Allowing an improper person to operate a motor vehicle	2
Drunkenness	50
Failure to heed a stop sign	2
Larceny	1
Leaving the scene of an accident after property damage	6
Leaving the scene of an accident after personal injury	3
Lewdness and lasciviceas	2
Manslaughter	2
Non-support	4
Neglect of minor children	2
Insane persons	6
Collecting junk without a license	2
Operating a motor vehicle without his license in his possession	2
Operating without his registration in his possession	1
Operating with improper brakes	2
Operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger	7
Operating a motor vehicle without authority	1
Operating a motor vehicle after revocation of license	4
Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor	13
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	5

Operating uninsured motor vehicle	5
Operating a motor vehicle without a license	6
Passing while his view was obstructed	1
Refusing to stop for a police officer	1
Speeding	6
Unnatural and lascivious act	10
Violation of conditions of probation	2
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Total	150
Arrests made by State Police not listed above (25)	25
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Total	175

DISPOSITIONS:

Committed to Danvers State Hospital	6
Dismissed	1
Discharged not guilty	1
Guilty and fined	56
Guilty and filed	29
Placed on probation	2
Released	33
Sentenced to the House of Correction	9
Sentenced to Bridgewater	1
Suspended from the House of Correction	10
Suspended from Concord Reformatory	2
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Total	150

Dispositions on State Police arrests unknown

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ambulance and cruiser cases	29
Automobile accidents investigated	28
Booked and warned for speeding	146
Complaints received and investigated	729
Dogs shot by police department	6
Dogs killed by automobiles	16
Escaped patients returned to Danvers State Hospital	7
Firearm permits issued	52
Fire alarms that Police went to	33
House in Court	195
Licenses suspended and revoked through the Registry	
of Motor Vehicles for speeding and etc.	87
Missing and lost persons found	1

Messages delivered	152
Motor vehicle transfers	126
Summons and Warrants served	44
Turned over to the Town Treasurer	
for firearm permits	\$26.00
Stolen property recovered	\$5,928.68

There has been many property damage cases investigated not listed above which have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned without making arrests or going to Court.

In closing I wish to extend my appreciation to my officers who have faithfully performed their duties. Also to the Highway Surveyor, Fire Chief, Auxiliary and State Police, and to the Board of Selectmen for the cooperation they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W WENTWORTH,

Chief of Police

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Complaints received and investigated	107
Dogs restrained	9
Dogs killed by automobiles	16
Dogs shot by Police Department	6
Dogs put in pound	24
Lost dogs returned to rightful owners	12
Reports of dog bites	9
Stray dogs disposed of	24
Poultry and animals killed by dogs	32
Caused (144) persons to license their dogs with the Town Clerk	

To all dog owners — 1954 dog licenses are due and payable to the Town Clerk April 1, 1954.

In closing I wish to extend my appreciation for the cooperation shown by the Board of Selectmen and all dog owners during the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH,

Dog Officer

BOARD OF APPEALS

Board of Selectmen
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a factual report of the activities of the Board of Appeals for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Meetings held	14
Public Hearings	11
Formal Decisions Rendered	10
Petitions "Dismissed without prejudice"	2
Renewals issued	1
Decisions Pending	0

In addition, a special panel was designated to hear and act on one petition after this Board had dismissed said petition and three members had disqualified themselves from further action on the petition in question.

In all cases proper public notice was given and parties at interest notified.

Copies of all formal decisions and dismissals have been filed with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SANBORN
WILLIAM T. MARTIN
BEUMONT B. HURD
CHESTER K. MASSE
RICHARD E. QUINN

Board of Appeals

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Middleton,

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Middleton Electric Light Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1953.

The main projects for the year were:

1. The installation of a new bus from the substation to Hoffman's Garage of a 4/0 alum. cable operated at 4160 volts to carry the South Main, Boston, Haswell Park, River St., and Keddy Machine load.
2. The extension of primaries on Mt. Vernon St., North Liberty St., Middleton Pines, and Essex St.
3. Installation of 3 phase the length of East St.
4. Servicing the newly developed Middleton Meadows.
5. Replacement of 42 poles in various parts of town.
6. Replacement of 15 Street Light Fixtures.
7. Converted 63 - 120 volt services to 240 volts.
8. Added 17 transformers to our system.
9. During the year every meter in town has been tested and if need be, corrected to within less than 1% accuracy.

During the year of 1953, the town purchased 4,391,833 KWH at a cost of \$67,565.47, or 1.5384 cents per KWH. The approximate cost of delivery to the consumer is .7 cent per KWH or a total cost to the customer of 2.5 cents per KWH.

Of the above 4,391,833 we can account for 3,774,398 KWH or a line loss of 617,435, or 14.06% as compared to 15.24% for 1952.

The gross amount to be collected for the above KWH's is \$116,155.77 of which we collected \$111,872.45, or an average deficit of \$4.79 per customer. During 1953, \$3,329.96 was allowed in discounts.

At intervals throughout the year we plan to meet with the various Boards in town so as to keep abreast with their plans for the future. The reason for this plan is that we believe that in the near future there will be a great many physical changes made in this town, which will greatly involve this Department financially and physically. We should be prepared, **well beforehand**, to meet these changes.

We would like to call to your attention to the fact that we have suffered but one major outage during 1953. This was due to the heavy snow storm last April. At that time our longest outage was 13 hours.

At this time, we would like to thank the different department heads and their men for the fine cooperation extended to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. FLOYD
FRANK E. DOW
GEORGE F. NASH

Board of Commissioners

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Citizens of the Town:

The following is the report of the Fire Department for the year, 1953. The Department was called 70 times.

Buildings	8
Auto and Truck	1
Brush, Woods and Dumps	24
Grass	17
Oil Burners	2
Chimney	1
Electrical	2
Miscellaneous	9
Needless	3
False	2
Out of Town	1
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Total	70
Box Alarms	44
Still Alarms	26
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Total	70

Work is progressing on the Fire Alarm System. Some changes were made on the Alarm System wires, in anticipation of the new building, which did not get started during the year. However, this work is now done. Lines were extended along Boston Street.

We are looking forward to the day our new Fire Station is completed.

I wish to sincerely thank the Board of Engineers, my officers and men, for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY

Chief, Fire Department

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Middleton

The Annual Report of the Planning Board, for the year 1953.

The Planning Board organized with Frank Silva as chairman and Roger L. Pennell as secretary.

The Board held its regular meetings the third Thursday of each month. There were several special meetings called by request during the year.

During the year the Board received a number of requests from the Appeal Board. Replies made with recommendation as considered in the best interest of the town.

A few land owners of the town have met with the board for the purpose of obtaining information for subdividing their land, under the Subdivision Laws of the town, which this board advised.

In the past year the board has several times called in qualified consultants, under the advice of the State Planning Board, of which valuable information was obtained concerning our town.

Several meetings were held with the newly formed Middleton board of Trade to discuss business aspects of the town.

A meeting of all town officials was called by the Planning Board to discuss the advisability of revaluing the real property of the town. Attending the meeting were qualified speakers on this subject.

After a complete study of our Zoning By-Laws, and consulting with Municipal Engineers, we have submitted plans to make some revisions, and a request for the necessary funds has been included in our budget.

Approved by the Planning Board Jan., 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SILVA
ROGER L. PENNELL
LOUIS BARETT
ALTON HUBBARD
A. S. TUTTLE

REPORT OF THE FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BUILDING COMMITTEE

January 18, 1954

To the Honorary Board of Selectmen:

The Fire House Survey Committee appointed at the special Town Meeting of June 26, 1951 and comprised of the following:

Mr. Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. — Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Earl F. Jones — Building Inspector, Town of Middleton
Mr. Harold F. Purdy — Chief of the Fire Department
Mr. Chester K. Masse — Member, Board of Appeals
Mr. William G. Birch — Member, Board of Assessors

were authorized to act as the Building Committee, under Articles 16 and 17 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 10, 1953.

An organizing meeting of this group was held on March 30, 1953 and elected Mr. Harold F. Purdy to act as chairman and Mr. William G. Birch to act as secretary. The Committee unanimously appointed and requested Mr. Ray Thibedeau, Architect of Hamilton, Mass. to draft a set of Budget Plans and Specifications.

Meetings were held weekly to discuss details of the Project. On May 11, 1953, Mr. Chester K. Masse resigned from the Committee, and Mr. John J. Hctor, Sr. was appointed to serve in his place. On May 27, 1953, Mr. Earl F. Jones resigned from the Committee, and as yet no one has been appointed to serve in his stead.

On August 6, 1953, invitations for bids to build the Fire Station and Highway Building were called for in accordance with the Town of Middleton by-laws.

Bids were opened at a public meeting on September 3, 1953, and on September 8, 1953, the general contracting firm of Conti & Donahue of Lynn, Mass. were awarded the contract on their low bid of \$53,801.00.

A request for a building permit was immediately applied for, and after many special meetings, open hearings and also a temporary special Board of Appeals, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, a building permit was finally granted on December 29, 1953.

The firm of Conti & Donehue have agreed to build the Fire Station and Highway Building without any increase in cost, even taking into consideration the delay in obtaining a building permit, and have indicated to the Committee that ground will be broken in March of 1954, and the Project brought to the state of completion as early as conditions will permit.

To date a total of \$6,814.65 has been spent by the Committee for special services, architect's fee, and contractor's supplies on hand.

It is the hope of the Committee that with the arrival of good weather, that this Project can be completed approximately in July or August of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY, Chairman

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.

JOHN. J. HOCTOR

WILLIAM G. BIRCH, Secretary

REGIONAL SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE REPORT

Board of Selectmen

Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is the second and final report of the Regional School Planning Committee, as formed by vote of a special town meeting in September 1952, composed of Mr. D. J. Donovan, Chairman, Mr. Eben L. Jewett, Secretary with Mr. James Coffin.

Meetings started early in 1953 between the two committees representing Middleton and North Reading. At these meetings, the committees were assisted by Mr. Turner Hood, Superintendent of North Reading and Mr. Thomas Rivard, Superintendent of Middleton. At the early meetings, the prospect of entering an article in the warrants for town meeting consideration seemed bright. After meetings with Mr. Domas and Mr. Black of the School Building Assistance Commission, a tentative "Article of Agreement" was drawn up. This was written as provided by Chapter 71 of the General Laws, Sec. 14-161 incl. After this agreement was written it became necessary to agree to present the plan to the voters of each town. About this time, North Reading was having a survey of the needs of their school system conducted by Educational Service Associates. The group from Middleton eagerly awaited this report, and in the interim tried to obtain from Danvers more definite information regarding the security of our position at Holten High School. On the 7th of July we received a letter from Superintendent Smith of Danvers stating, in part "It is felt that Danvers can accommodate the Middleton pupils for several years without adding to their present plant. This would be especially so if the committee (Danvers school committee) is successful in the building one or two elementary schools so that our fifth and sixth grades could be moved from the Richmond School. However, when the limit of the present plant is reached the committee is not in a position to state whether or not the town would increase the capacity to provide for the Middleton pupils however much the committee would like to have this done". As can be seen, this left us without too definite a picture, or too clear a plan upon which to work. By mid-September, North Reading's position was so acute that the

Middleton committee agreed to give a final answer as to the wisdom of entering this question for Town Meeting consideration. The Middleton Committee agreed amongst themselves, that the question of acceptance or rejection of voting on a regional high school set-up should be decided by a town vote and not by the three-man committee. On the 28th of October, as agreed, this information was relayed to the North Reading committee. At this meeting, North Reading was awaiting a vote of their town on proposed legislation to be voted on the 13th of November. On the 13th of that month, the voters of North Reading voted to accept the recommendations of the Educational Service Associates and "to build a Junior High School — with plans so prepared and drawn that a Senior High School can be added by 1958". As can readily be seen by this vote, the chance of having a Middleton-North Reading Regional High School, is for all practical purposes, dead.

This committee feels that the plan for a regional high school has definite merit and that even if this set-up is not workable, certain further steps should be taken.

- (1) The continuance of the investigation of the regional high school plan.
- (2) Investigation of possible regional plans with other towns.
- (3) A more definite and concrete decision from the Danvers School Department, as to the length of time our pupils may expect to remain in their secondary system.

May we stress certain facts: Secondary education for Middleton youth is a serious problem. Holten High at Danvers offers a good and varied program, which we could not hope to equal if it became necessary to maintain our own high school. Let us be on the look-out for an alternate position, for Middleton's high school pupil population is far too small to support a school at the secondary level. It should seem obvious, that if a change at Danvers should occur, then a regional high school with some other town or group of towns is the best answer.

In conclusion, may we thank all those who have helped us with their ideas and faith. Superintendents Rivard and Hood were most helpful as was Mr. John Branch of the Howe-Manning School faculty.

With the submission of this report, may we caution "Eternal vigilance" and respectfully request to be discharged.

EBEN L. JEWETT,

Secretary

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE REPORT BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REPORT

Report to the Town of Middleton for the year ending December 31, 1953.

GENERAL RELIEF:

Unsettled State	1 case	3 persons
Outside Cities and Towns	4 cases	11 persons
Middleton	9 cases	12 persons
Child Guardianship	2 cases	2 persons
State Infirmary	1 case	1 person

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

(No settlement laws in A.D.C.)	6 cases	14 persons
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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

(No settlement laws in D.A.)	1 case
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Unsettled State	11 cases
Outside cases	13 cases
Middleton	27 cases

The Board would like to thank the Town Officers for their co-operation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PASQUALE, Chairman
LESLIE MERRIFIELD
LEYLAND PHILLIPS, Clerk

Report of the Finance Committee For the Town of Middleton UPON THE WARRANT

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held March 9, 1954
To the Voters of the Town of Middleton:

Your Finance Committee has held twenty meetings with the various heads of departments and also an open meeting with the voters of the Town on February 9, 1954, for the purpose of discussing the budget for this year.

Unfortunately, very few of the department heads were present at the open meeting to answer questions, therefore, we, the Finance Committee request that an enactment be made requiring all department heads, or a department's legal representative be present to answer unpredicted questions at future public Finance Committee meetings upon public notice of that meeting.

We feel that the open meeting can be of greater value to us and to the taxpayers by having the departments represented herein.

Attention must be called to our very serious financial situation. Our school population is growing so much that more rooms are again needed in the grammar school, and if Danvers is not able to take care of the high school pupils, we might have to build for them, and we hardly dare to think of the cost. Without considering the additional cost of buildings, we will find that the increase in the school budget for this year is staggering. Last year \$106,467.21 was spent for education. This year \$120,050.25 has been requested. The \$13,583.00 increase is somewhat out of proportion with the number of pupils entered, therefore, we recommend that only the actual necessities be purchased this year.

The building of a new County Prison is going to add to our tax and is going to devaluate the land near it. It is said that the building will cost \$2,500,000.00, yet no County building in the past has been built within its primary appropriation. If the Prison is built, our proportion of tax will be based upon more than \$2,500,000.00.

We, the Finance Committee, strongly oppose having the County Prison built in Middleton.

Our only solution for our financial problem seems to be in the planning and the establishment of controlled areas wherein suitable industries can operate. An earning power must be found because the present taxable property will not carry the load, and the load this year runs \$30,000.00 more than it did last year.

We beg all departments to exercise strict economy this year and for some years to come .

The taxpayers will notice in the study of the following list of transfers that \$2310.31 of the \$2500.00 Reserve Fund was used this year. With the cooperation of the department heads we feel that we can reduce the \$2500.00 to \$2000.00, thus taking \$500.00 from the taxable amount.

At this time it may be well to have drawn to your attention a section of the "LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATION" law.

Ch. 44 sec. 31 (as amended by 1946 Ch. 358 sec. 23 and by 1949 Ch. 138).

In substance the law provides that no department financed by taxation shall incur liability in excess of its appropriation, except in emergencies and with previous authorization. Any officer who violates or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate such a provision is liable to fine or imprisonment, and Selectmen shall and five taxpayers may report such a violation to the District Attorney who shall investigate and prosecute.

The Finance Committee requests all department heads to check carefully with any sub-departments using money, hence to avoid any excesses.

Transfers made by the Finance Committee during 1953:

1.	Apr. 7	Counsel Expense	\$ 150.00
2.	Apr. 26	Tax Collector's office renovation	300.00
3.	May 31	To Highway from Cemetery	200.00
4.	May 31	Check-writer paper	153.50
5.	July 12	Tree Department	500.00
6.	Dec. 8	Town Hall Salary	41.00
7.	Dec. 8	Advertising Zone by-laws	61.65
8.	Dec. 8	Interest, Firehouse Loan	432.50
9.	Dec. 8	Police Wages and Expenses	140.00
10.	Dec. 22	Highway General Fund	200.00
11.	Jan. 5	Town Clerk	27.35
12.	Jan. 5	Moth Department	65.74
13.	Jan. 5	Wire Department	7.09
14.	Jan. 12	Tax Title	8.10
15.	Jan. 13	Memorial Hall	23.38

\$ 2,310.31

Transferred to Surplus Revenue 189.69

\$ 2,500.00

The Finance Committee

HAZEN M. RICHARDSON
ELMER McINTIRE
JOSEPH R. HILYARD

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on committee reports.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 17 of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 3. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses.

Committee recommendations are set forth in schedule "A".

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use the amount of \$10,000 from available funds to reduce the tax rate.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at Public or Private Sale, any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non payment of taxes or under proceedings for sale of land of low values, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town and under the Seal of the Town, quit claim deeds or other instruments therefor.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the School Committee to have a special committee appointed by the moderator consisting of a member of the School Committee, a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Finance Committee and a fifth member to investigate and make recommendations as to additional school facilities and to report back their findings at a Special Meeting not later than September 1954.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for improvement of the Peabody Street Bridge under Chapter 90; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County.

Committee recommends approval of this Article and that the sum of \$1500.00 be appropriated from available funds to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, for the improvement of the Peabody Street Bridge, and that in addition the sum of \$4500.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State and County is to be restored upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to buy a used power broom for the Highway Department for sweeping streets.

We recommend that the sum of \$700.00 be taken from the road machinery fund to buy a power broom.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Moth Superintendent to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of a four wheel trailer, tires and platform to carry 400 gallon sprayer.

Committee recommends approval of this article. To appropriate \$250.00 for purchase of trailer.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the members of the Board of Trade to see if the Town will vote to amend Section III of the Zoning By-Laws by adding to Paragraph B thereof, under areas designated for business, the following Sub-section 5; "5. The areas bounded by Richardson's Brook, the Ipswich River, Bridge Road, River Street, land now or formerly of Charles A. Roberts and South Main Street, as shown on Plan entitled 'Proposed Industrial and Business Areas in Middleton, Mass., Massachusetts Survey Co., December 4, 1953, W. H. Tingley, Eng., on file with the Town Clerk and being defined in a description thereof attached to said Plan, or take any other action thereon.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually appoint a Custodian of the Town Hall and to remove this office from the Ballot.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$81.00 to pay the 1953 bill for back-hoe service for the Highway Department.

Committee recommends approval of article. To appropriate \$8100.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take to dispose of the article laid on the table at the Special Town Meeting held December 29, 1953: On petition of David Burns and the Boy Scout Committee to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to install one thousand feet of six-inch cast iron pipe to supply water to the Boy Scout Building on Recreation Park together with hydrant for fire protection of Recreation Park and surrounding areas.

Committee does not approve of the expenditure of \$4500.00 to put water into the new Scout House. But will approve of \$1500.00 to drill a well.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take to dispose of the article laid on the table at the Special Town Meeting held December 29, 1953; On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of material to be used to install street lights on North Main St. from the corner of Forest St. to the North Andover line. This amount to be taken from the General Fund of the Town.

Committee recommends that the sum for this purpose be taken from the Electric Light Company's earnings.

Schedule A

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 3

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recommended 1954
GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 6.09% OF TOTAL				
1.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Moderator, Salary	\$ 50.00
			Finance Committee:	
2.	30.00	10.00	Expense	30.00
			Selectmen:	
3.	900.00	900.00	Salaries	900.00
4.	330.92	417.25	Expenses	450.00
5.	83.00	250.00	Clerk	250.00
			Accountant:	
6.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
7.	100.00	45.45	Expenses	100.00
			Treasurer:	
8.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
9.	365.09	825.75	Expenses	477.00
10.	150.90	358.10	Tax Titles	300.00
			Collector:	
11.	900.00	900.00	Salary	900.00
12.	312.38	700.49	Expenses	715.00
			Assessors:	
13.	1500.00	1500.00	Salaries	1500.00
14.	665.37	699.17	Expenses	750.00
			Counsel:	
15.	600.00	600.00	Salary	600.00
16.	64.98	211.65	Expenses	
			Clerk:	
17.	400.00	400.00	Salary	400.00
18.	82.64	105.85	Expenses	100.00
			Elections and Registrations:	
19.	180.00	100.00	Salaries	220.00
20.	465.63	187.89	Expenses	600.00
			Planning Board:	
21.	189.30	71.50	Expenses	2125.00
			Town Hall:	
22.	730.00	406.00	Salary	480.00
23.	684.93	566.78	Expenses	650.00

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recom- mended 1954
			Memorial Hall:	
24.	300.00	360.00	Salaries	360.00
25.	1244.40	1523.38	Expenses	1500.00
26.	223.96	694.44	Alterations	700.00
		\$13,738.25	Grand Total	\$15,957.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — 7.01% OF TOTAL				
			Constable:	
27.	35.00	35.00	Salary	35.00
			Police Chief:	
28.	3253.00	3710.00	Salary	3900.00
29.	1408.41	2032.35	Wages	2000.00
30.	1979.75	1662.00	Expenses	1837.00
31.		819.91	Car	
		\$ 8,258.26	Totals	\$ 7,772.00
32.		134.66	Civil Defense	
			Fire Department:	
33.	752.00	798.75	Salaries	1115.00
34.	4211.59	4203.28	Expenses	4630.00
		\$ 5,002.03	Total	\$ 5,745.00
			Building Inspector:	
35.	400.00	400.00	Salary	400.00
36.	171.38	150.00	Expenses	100.00
		\$ 550.00	Total	500.00
			Board of Appeals:	
37.	137.72	231.62	Expenses	235.00
			Wire Inspector:	
38.	66.00	200.00	Salary	200.00
39.	20.22	57.09	Expenses	50.00
		\$ 257.09	Total	250.00
			Sealer of Weights and Measures:	
40.	125.00	125.00	Salary	125.00
41.	31.74	25.00	Expenses	532.00
		\$ 150.00	Total	657.00

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recommended 1954
			Forestry:	
42.	1199.36	1265.74	Moth	1200.00
43.	1576.05	1498.30	Tree	1000.00
44.	297.08	497.47	Dutch Elm Cont'l	500.00
45.		298.41	Planting Trees	
46.			Poison Ivy Cont'l	200.00
		<u>\$ 3,558.92</u>	Total	<u>2900.00</u>
			Dog Officer:	
47.			Salary	100.00
48.			Expense	200.00
			Total	<u>300.00</u>
			Grand Total	<u>\$18,359.00</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION — 1.23% OF TOTAL

49.			Health:	
			Salaries	120.00
50.	1801.28	1507.75	Expenses	1900.00
			Dental Clinic:	
51.		1067.52	Expenses	1000.00
			Inspector of Cattle:	
52.	100.00	100.00	Salary	200.00
53.	100.00	100.00	Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00
		<u>\$ 2,774.87</u>	Total	<u>3245.00</u>

HIGHWAY DEPT. — 9.47% OF TOTAL

54.	3360.68	4678.99	Road Machinery Account	4500.00
55.	2996.66	3500.00	Highway Surveyor, Salary	3536.00
			(From available Dept. Funds)	
56.	4139.81	4697.81	Highway General Fund	5000.00
57.	4800.00	4800.00	Chapter 81	4800.00
58.	8800.00	8800.00	Chapter 81, State	8800.00
59.	2000.00	2000.00	Chapter 90, Construction	2000.00
60.	6000.00	6000.00	Chapter 90, State-County	6000.00
61.	2000.00	2000.00	Chapter 90, Maintenance	2000.00
62.	1000.00	1000.00	Chapter 90, State	1000.00
63.	6056.33	6009.30	Snow Removal	7500.00

No.	Average Average 1950-1952	1953		Recom- Recom- 1954
64.	3500.00	3500.00	Street Lights	3500.00
65.		68.22	Traffic Lights	
66.	35.33		Land Taking	
67.			Street Layout Survey	
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		\$47,134.32	Total	\$45,100.00

CHARITIES — 13.36 % OF TOTAL

Public Welfare:				
68.	475.00		Salaries	650.00
69.	6137.48		Expenses	7500.00
70.	2406.79		Old Age Assistance Aid	25000.00
71.	18798.67		Federal Grant	
72.	2490.38		Aid Dependent Children, Aid	2500.00
73.	1891.23		Federal Grant	
74.	348.33		Disability Assistance, Aid	1200.00
75.			Federal Grant, Aid	
76.	613.00		Welfare District, Admin.	618.00
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		\$33,160.88	Total	\$37,468.00

VETERANS' AID SERVICE — 1.64% OF TOTAL

Veterans' Agent:				
77.	250.00	250.00	Salary	250.00
78.			Expenses	50.00
79.		2157.40	Veterans' Aid	4000.00
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		\$ 2,407.40	Total	4300.00

SCHOOLS — 45.86% OF TOTAL

School:				
80.	40087.56	53637.27	Salaries	59,564.00
81.	31868.26	50599.33	Expenses	51,921.00
82.			Supt. out of State Travel	75.00
83.	770.59	2230.61	Vocational Education	2500.00
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		\$106,467.21	Total	114,060.00

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953	Recommended 1954
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LIBRARY 1.15% OF TOTAL

Library:			
84.	1192.58	1321.00	Salaries and Wages 1400.00
85.		1598.91	Expenses 1600.00
		686.75	Plus Dog Tax refund 772.47
		\$ 3,606.66	Total 3772.47

RECREATION — .40% OF TOTAL

Park:			
86.		872.70	Expenses 800.00
87.		300.00	Equipment 150.00

UNCLASSIFIED — 4.04% OF TOTAL

		\$ 1,172.70	Total 950.00
88.		2770.67	Retirement Fund Assessment 3192.15
89.	400.00	359.76	Memorial Day 800.00
90.		832.37	Town Reports 900.00
91.		4355.24	Insurance 4000.00
92.	2000.00	1000.00	Reserve Fund 2000.00
93.			Christmas Tree Lighting 75.00
		\$ 9,318.04	Total \$10,567.15

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

94.		Electric Light, Salaries	
	7960.00	(incl. Com., Clerk and Mgr.)	7580.00
95.	14472.70	Wages	15049.60
96.	68216.99	Energy	69500.00
97.	18222.50	Expenses	14500.00
98.	3968.32	Depreciation	4000.00
99.	1000.00	Reserve	
100.	1500.00	Line Clearance	1000.00
		\$115,340.51	Total \$111,629.60

Item No.	Average Expended 1950-1952	Expended 1953		Recom- mended 1954
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CEMETERIES — 1.85 OF TOTAL

101.	30.00	30.00	Supt. of Burials, Salary	30.00
102.	60.00	60.00	Commissioners, Salaries	60.00
			Cemetery:	
103.		3079.70	Expenses	3495.00
104.		439.20	Opening Graves	750.00
105.		118.35	Equipment	
106.		700.00	Hot Top	500.00
		<u>\$ 4,427.25</u>	Total	<u>\$ 4,835.00</u>

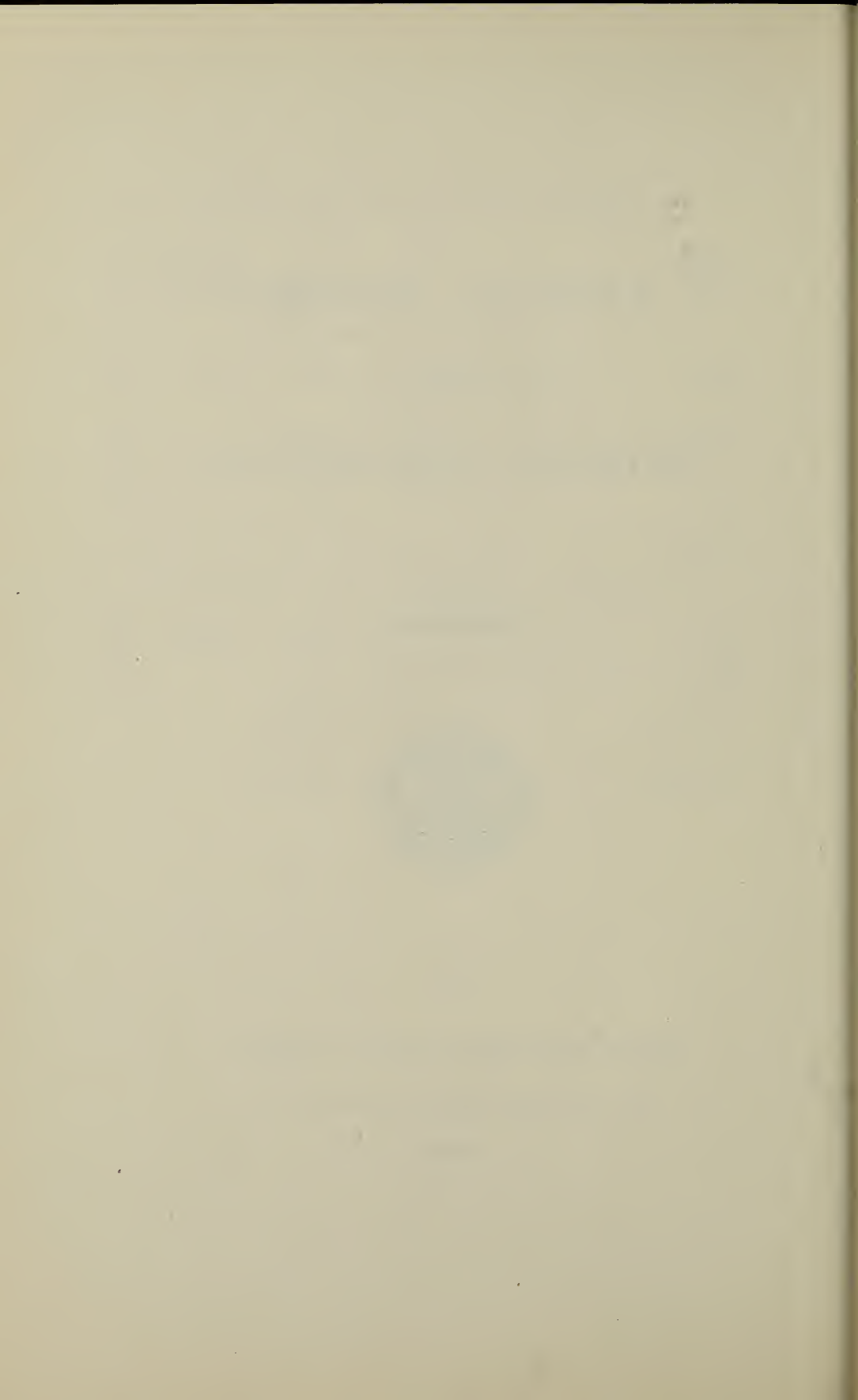
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 7.92% OF TOTAL

107.	2000.00	2000.00	School Construction Loan	2000.00
108.	10000.00	10000.00	School Addition Loan	10000.00
109.			Fire-Highway Building Loan	4973.25
110.		3550.00	Interest	3752.50
		<u>\$15,550.00</u>	Total	<u>\$20,725.75</u>
		366,610.06	Grand Total	390,968.97

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Town of
Middleton



also
Report of the Superintendent of Schools
for the Year Ending December 31,
1953



SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

MR. EBEN L. JEWETT, Chairman	Term expires 1955
MRS. ROSAMOND BASTABLE, Secretary	Term expires 1955
MR. HAROLD F. PURDY	Term expires 1956
MR. HENRY LUSCOMB	Term expires 1954
MR. DAVID BURNS	Term expires 1954

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

THOMAS L. RIVARD, Tewksbury

Office: North Street School

Tel. Lowell 8643

The superintendent may be seen at the Howe-Manning School by appointment. Appointments may be made through Mr. Raymond Dower, Principal. Telephone Danvers 475-M 1.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mrs. Lois Rogers, M.D.

Topsfield, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Louise Brennan, R.N.

Salem, Mass.

School Calendar 1954

Open January 4, 1954

Close February 19, 1954

VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open March 1, 1954

Close April 16, 1954

VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open April 26, 1954

Close June 18, 1954

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 13, 1954

Close December 23, 1954

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

February 22

Good Friday

May 30

November 11

October 12

November 25 and 26

(and such other days as the School Committee may designate.)

The School Calendar may be subject to change.

No School Signals

The following no school signals have been adopted:

- a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire signal.
- b. Two blasts at the B. B. Chemical Co.
- c. Street lights on for three minutes.
- d. Radio Stations WBZ and WNAC will carry an announcement on their regular no school broadcasts.

The signal for the High School will be at 7:15 A.M. The signal for the Howe-Manning School will be at 7:45 A.M.

SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1953

Age	Girls	Boys	Total
5—7	57	67	124
7—16	178	218	396

4—5	30	26	56
3—4	32	35	67
2—3	25	26	51
1—2	23	19	42
Under 1 year			29

Age of School Admission

All children born on or before January 1, 1949 are eligible to attend school in the coming fall term. No entrance tests for children under the age requirements will be given.

HOWE-MANNING SCHOOL

Corps of Teachers 1953-1954

Name		Grade	Date of Appointment
Raymond S. Dower, Jr., M.Ed., Principal	Boston University		Sept. 1951
Catherine Devane	Lesley College	1	Sept. 1937
Marjorie Shaw, B.S. Ed.	Salem Teachers Col.	1	Sept. 1950
Ruth Edwards, B.A.	Tufts College	2	Sept. 1953
Jane Taylor, B.S. Ed.	Lesley College	2	Sept. 1953
Carmelina Marino, B.S. Ed.	Boston University	3	Sept. 1951
Fannie Hinkley	Salem Teachers Col.	3&4	Sept. 1914
Andrea Gallagher, B.A.	Boston University	4	Sept. 1953
Nellie Johnston	Salem Teachers Col.	5	Sept. 1949
Lillian Taylor, B.S. Ed.	Salem Teachers Col.	5	Sept. 1953
Ann Rikkola, B.S. Ed.	Worcester Teachers Col.	6	Sept. 1951
Norma Simard, B.S. Ed.	Lowell Teachers Col.	6	Sept. 1953
John Branch, B.A.	University of Maine	7&8	Sept. 1951
Eleanor Lozeau, M. Ed.	Boston University	7&8	Sept. 1953
Dale McElroy, B.S.	Boston College	7&8	Sept. 1953

Supervisors

Dorothea P. Shea, M. Ed.	Boston University	Read.	Sept. 1951
Doris Nyquist, B.M.	N.E. Conserv. of Music	Music	Sept. 1951
Edward Bruzzo, B.S.	Tufts College	Art	Oct. 1953
William Rinehart, Director	Rinehart Functional Handwriting	Penman. ship	Sept. 1951

Janitor and Attendance

Nathan Hayward, Jr.

Middleton

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the taxpayers and citizens of Middleton the school committee hereby submits its annual report:

The past year has on the whole been a very gratifying one to the school committee as we have seen many of our hopes realized and many of our newly-inaugurated programs being carried on with considerable success.

The dental program, athletic program, physical education program, remedial reading, testing and guidance, regularly scheduled assembly programs, teacher workshops, school conducted educational field trips, extensive use of visual aids in the classroom, the school library, activity groups such as the glee club, school newspaper, orchestra, dancing groups, and school socials have all become an integral part of our school program and are doing a great deal to make education in Middleton a happy and interesting experience. Details of the aforementioned programs and activities are incorporated in the principal's and supervisors' reports attached.

As was predicted in our report of last year, our school facilities are being taxed by increased enrollment. During the present school year, it was necessary to take over the reading room on the lower floor for a regular classroom. Fluorescent fixtures were installed in the upstairs teachers' room and that room was taken over for the remedial reading groups.

Next September we are faced with the necessity of having one of our classes in the auditorium. The following year we expect to need still further facilities. Consequently, we have sponsored an article in the town warrant asking that a special committee be appointed to make a study of the need for additional school facilities and to report to the townspeople at a special town meeting.

We should like to call attention to the report of the regional high school investigating committee. We, too, would suggest that our own continue to investigate the possibilities of a regional school program. It is difficult to predict what the outlook for education at the secondary level will be within the next few years.

Our committee has been informed by the Danvers School Committee that the per pupil cost for our students has increased from \$237.85, the 1953 tuition rate, to \$247.33 for 1954 or an increase of

\$9.48 per pupil in the operating cost. To this figure, the Danvers Committee saw fit to add another \$15 per pupil, which they say is to cover the cost of the present Holten High School — which has been paid for since 1950 — spread over a 50-year period. Our committee has protested the \$15 per pupil charge for capital outlay and has obtained a ruling from our town counsel as to the legality of the charge. Danvers, in turn, has done likewise. Consequently, we are still negotiating with Danvers on the 1954 tuition rate. However, if such a charge for capital outlay is assessed, when the time comes for Danvers to add to its present high school facilities, the outlook for Middleton tuition rates is a rather grim one.

During the past year, the committee has taken several steps to make our building more functional and its maintenance easier. In this connection, the last two rooms of fastened-down furniture have been replaced with removable units which completes the modernization program in that respect. New shades have been installed in 5 rooms of the old section of the building. The shades purchased will aid greatly in the use of visual aids in the classroom. A two-way inter-communication system has been installed. We foresee many advantages and uses for this system. A floor machine has been purchased that will help in the maintenance of the school.

It has been most gratifying to have many of our teachers take further professional study during the past year. In answer to a request from our teachers for a salary increase, we have granted a \$200 increase — \$100 of which became effective on January 1, the other \$100 to become effective next September.

The new 3-year bus contract has been awarded to John Muzichuk as the lowest bidder. The new contract calls for new busses and provides for use of the busses for educational field trips and athletic contests. We expect that this arrangement will be most satisfactory.

Our committee is still concerned with the school drop-out problem at the secondary level. We shall continue to take what steps we can within our realm to discourage our youth from leaving school before graduation. We have, however, been encouraged by the number of boys who are taking advantage of vocational and trade school opportunities. Otherwise, these boys are potential school drop-outs.

We wish to thank Mr. Rivard and Mr. Dower, our teachers, our supervisors, janitors, and cafeteria workers for their splendid cooperation and untiring efforts during the past year. We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Shea for the splendid work she has done during her stay as reading supervisor in Middleton and

commend to your attention her final report on remedial reading attached hereto.

We again wish to thank the citizens of Middleton for your continued interest, loyalty, and support of your school. The regular meeting of the school committee is held at the Howe-Manning School on the second Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eben Jewett, Chairman

Rosamond Bastable, Secretary

Harold Purdy

Henry Luscomb

David Burns

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Middleton School Committee:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of the Middleton School System.

This past year has been a year of progress toward worthwhile educational goals. A spelling series has been adopted for grades 1-8 and the health series completed for all grades. This completes the modernization program of textbooks which was started over two years ago. A cumulative record system has also been introduced. This will be invaluable to the entire system but especially in our guidance program which is now functioning effectively.

Many strip films pertaining to subject matter material have been made available to teachers to supplement and develop a modern program of audio-visual aids. The purchase of two strip film projectors, one by the graduating class of 1953 and the second by the School Department, has aided greatly in developing this program. Two three-speed record players, one presented by the Parent-Teacher Association, and the other by the Howe-Manning Activity Fund which is under the direction of Mr. Raymond Dower, has made possible the introduction of educational records as a teaching aid.

The physical educational program is constantly increasing in scope. In working out a program, a number of definite objectives are kept in view — namely — an understanding and development of good clean sportsmanship, leadership, cooperation, physical fitness, worthy use of leisure time, improvement and maintenance of good posture and appreciation of health.

Safety Education has been demonstrated by means of lectures, motion pictures, and strip films. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and our own local Police Department have been of great service to us in this respect.

The school lunch program continues to serve hot, nutritious lunches to any student attending the school. Under the splendid management of Mrs. Margaret Osgood this lunch program is self-supporting. During this past year, 43,243 Type A Lunches (complete meal including milk) and 6,410 Type C Lunches (milk only) were served. \$9,226.74 was collected from the sales of these lunches and \$4,020.07 was reimbursed from the Massachusetts School Lunch Program.

The school population is continuing to increase slowly but steadily with the heavy increase coming in the primary grades. Middleton has been fortunate to escape the building boom of neighboring towns.

Nevertheless, the Town must look to the future. Next September we will be short one classroom with additional classroom space to be needed in the immediate future.

Changes in school personnel during the year were as follows:

Resigned:

Mrs. Grace Warman	Grades 2 and 3
Mrs. Esther Charron	Grade 4
Mrs. Patricia Kornachuk	Grade 5
Mrs. Ann LaFortune	Grade 5
Miss Marie Lapniewski	Grade 6
Mr. James Burke	Grades 7 and 8
Miss Sonia Antis	Art

Reassigned:

Mrs. Nellie Johnston	Grade 2 to Grade 5
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Appointed:

Mrs. Ruth Edwards	Grade 2
Mrs. Jane Taylor	Grade 2
Miss Andrea Gallagher	Grade 4
Mrs. Lillian Taylor	Grade 5
Mrs. Norma Simard	Grade 5
Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau	Grade 7 and 8
Mr. Dale McElroy	Grade 7 and 8
Mr. Edward Bruzzo	Art

In closing I again stress the philosophy of education which is developing in the Middleton school system — namely, to make sure each child succeeds as far as possible. Success brings satisfaction and renewed effort. Every effort is being made to know the child as a “whole” child. In addition to his physical, mental, emotional, and social aspects, we are trying to find out not only what goes on in the classroom but on the playground and at home as well. When these facts are discovered, we are given clues so as to better direct the work of the schoolroom and the school playground. Thus, when we are aware of the needs and drives of each child, we can direct them so as to secure their best all-round development. We who have the duty of directing children must always try to see that happiness predominates in their lives. Thus our testing, guidance, reading and physical education programs, as well as our general school program, have in common the one aim — namely — to make each child successful to be a happy well adjusted child.

I call your attention to the reports of our Principal and Supervisors which should provide our citizens with a better knowledge of some of the work carried on in the Howe-Manning School.

I express my deep and heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff, the School Committee, and the citizens of the Town of Middleton for their loyal support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. RIVARD,

Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Age-Grade Distribution — October 1, 1953

Age Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
I	7	56	4											67
II		15	44											59
III			11	24	4									39
IV			5	14	18	5	1							43
V					2	26	24	4						56
VI						9	33	7						49
VII							7	33	7	3		1		51
VIII								4	20	6	2	1		33
Total	7	76	24	38	24	40	65	48	27	9	2	2		397

Teacher-Grade Distribution — October 1, 1953

Teacher	Grade 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Mrs. Shaw	33								33
Miss Devane	31								34
Mrs. J. Taylor		30							30
Mrs. Edwards		29							29
Miss Marino			29						29
Miss Winnley			10	14					24
Miss Gallagher				29					29
Mrs. Johnston					28				28
Mrs. L. Taylor					28				28
Mrs. Seward						24			24
Mrs. Rikkola						25			25
Mr. McElroy							26		26
Mrs. Lozeau							25		25
Mr. Branch								33	33
Total	67	59	39	43	56	49	51	33	397

Middleton Students Attending Danvers High — Oct. 1, 1953

Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Grade 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Grade 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	42

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

Herein, and on the following pages, is my third annual report as Principal of the Howe-Manning School to the citizens of the Town of Middleton. The report has been divided into major sections for ease in reading and studying the data presented.

FACULTY

The teaching staff includes fourteen classroom teachers, an Art Supervisor, Music Supervisor, Reading Supervisor, Penmanship Supervisor and the Principal. An increase of one classroom teacher became necessary with the formation of a second Seventh Grade class. This teacher is Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau. In addition, other new teachers added to the faculty because of resignations, include: Grade Two, Mrs. Jane Taylor and Mrs. Ruth Edwards; Grade Four, Miss Andrea Gallagher; Grade Five, Mrs. Lillian Taylor; Grade Six, Mrs. Norma Simard; and Grade Seven, Mr. Dale McElroy. Mr. Edward Bruzzo was employed to replace Miss Sonya Antis as Art Supervisor. Changes in teaching assignments include the transfer of Miss Fannie Hinkley from Grade Four to the combined class, Grades Three and Four and the transfer of Mrs. J. Nellie Johnston from Grade Two to Grade Five. A complete roster of the teaching personnel may be found elsewhere in this report.

Many members of the school staff have undertaken professional study for their own personal betterment. Taking advantage of the opportunity to undertake graduate study conducted in nearby communities under college auspices and in Boston proper, were: Mrs. Marjorie Shaw, Miss Catherine Devane, Miss Carmelina Marino, Mrs. Ann Rikkola, Mr. Dale McElroy, Mr. John Branch, Miss Dorothea Shea, and Mr. Dower.

A new member of the school staff this year is Dr. Stephen J. D'Urso of Lawrence, who has been retained as the school dentist. Dr. D'Urso is in attendance at the Howe-Manning School Wednesday and Friday each week to care for the teeth of the school children. Dr. D'Urso's complete report may be found elsewhere.

HEALTH

The physical examinations of children in the First, Fourth and Eighth Grades by the School Physician, Dr. Lois Rogers of Topsfield,

is being continued this year, in accordance with state health regulations governing school physical examinations. These examinations are intensive and are given by Dr. Rogers if parents do not wish to have the examinations done by their own family physicians.

This year, however, there has been one change from last year's regulations. Beginning with the present scholastic year, parents are no longer required to furnish a doctor's certificate for children who have been absent from school for five days or more.

The new Dental Clinic, opened this past Spring, is now in full operation. Many children have taken advantage of this opportunity to have their dental defects corrected. The Town of Middleton is fortunate to have the services of Dr. Stephen J. D'Urso of Lawrence as the school dentist. His manner of approach to the school children has done much to allay their fears regarding dental work to be done.

A word of appreciation should be expressed here to the Middleton Women's Club for their contribution of \$25.00 which is being used to defray expenses of dental work done for children unable to pay for the service.

CAFETERIA

All of the tables in the cafeteria have now been covered with linoleum. A new potato masher has been added to the kitchen equipment. Through the thoughtfulness of the cafeteria staff, a series of monthly birthday parties has been arranged this year. On one day each month, all the children who have birthdays during that month sit at a special table appropriately decorated, and eat their lunch. The lunch is climaxed with a birthday cake complete with candles. This kind gesture is but one of the many acts of thoughtfulness shown by the cafeteria staff to the teachers and pupils.

LIBRARY

The school library is open each school day at the close of school to allow boys and girls to obtain books for leisure reading at home. In addition, numerous reference books have been placed on the shelves and pupils are allowed to borrow these books to aid them in their classroom assignments. Also, extra sets of books have been placed in the library to aid members of the faculty plan supplementary material.

This year, through the cooperation of Miss Carleton and Mr. Gifford of the Flint Library staff, a series of visits to the town

library have been arranged. Each class is taken on a conducted tour of the town library by members of the staff. The procedure necessary for borrowing books is explained. Already, an increase in the number of boys and girls using the town library facilities has been noted.

A collection of 65 juvenile books was borrowed from the library of the State Department of Education and these books have been placed in the classrooms of the first three grades for additional reading by this group.

ATHLETICS

Basketball and baseball teams representing the school played full schedules this past year against schools from other towns. This year, teams representing the school will travel to games with other schools in the new school buses. This will afford greater protection for the boys and girls as hertofore it has been necessary to depend on the generosity of the owners of private cars to transport the teams to and from games. Those who offered their vehicles in the past were most generous with their time and property but it is felt that, in case of accident, these owners would be placed in a most unfavorable position.

Regularly scheduled physical education classes are held each week for the boys and girls in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades under the direction of Mr. John Branch and Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau. The teachers in Grades One to Five have an assigned period each week when they take their class to the gymnasium for organized play activity.

INSURANCE

This year, for the first time, a blanket Student Accident Policy was made available to the students. This policy covers any type of accident occurring on a regular school day from the time the insured have left his home for school until he returns; provided that the accident occurs while directly enroute between home and school, while at school, or directly enroute between school and home. Accidents occurring during one hour before school begins in the morning and one hour after school closes in the afternoon are considered a part of the school day.

This insurance coverage was obtained through the cooperation of the School Committee and the Massachusetts Casualty Insurance Company of Boston.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE BUILDING

This past year saw more and more use made of the facilities of the auditorium and cafeteria by various groups. Church and youth organizations have employed the facilities for social occasions. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have used the building for meetings and for planned programs. The gymnasium is in use one night each week for older boys groups who play basketball under adult supervision. The auditorium is now the established site for the annual Town Meeting. A copy governing the use of school facilities may be obtained from the Principal's office.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

These certificates, which are required by State law for all boys and girls between the ages of 14 to 21 who wish to work, may be obtained from the Principal at his office between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. Monday through Friday. Applicants for these certificates must present a birth certificate and evidence of schooling (diploma or report card) when applying. Any questions about this matter may be answered by telephoning the Principal's office.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Several new innovations have been added this year to enrich the school life of those attending Howe-Manning School. Through the thoughtfulness and planning by the School Committee, a schedule of educational trips for all grades has been made possible. Several grades have already taken advantage of this opportunity and among the places visited have been the Museum of Science, Bunker Hill Monument, the Boston Navy Yard, the Ford Assembly plant in Somerville, the Cherry Hill farm of the H. P. Hood and Sons Milk Company and the Beverly Airport. It is expected that many more trips will be made in the Spring when the weather will be more suitable.

These trips are made under the supervision of the classroom teachers. One of the main reasons for these trips being made possible are the new buses available for these trips. These buses are owned by Mr. John Muzichuk, holder of the present bus contract. The availability of these new buses and the courtesy and cooperation of the bus drivers have made it possible to schedule these trips.

Also, this year, a schedule of assemblies has been arranged. Each classroom teacher is responsible for one assembly during the school year. The assemblies are held every other Thursday morning and the programs are introduced and presented entirely by the children.

Through the cooperation of the Carl Fischer Music Company of Boston, it has been possible to make the facilities of the school available for instrumental music instruction. Lessons are given to a large number of boys and girls every Thursday afternoon in one of the school classrooms. It is hoped that, as mastery of these instruments is obtained, this group will be able to perform at school functions.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Through the aid of the Parent-Teacher Association, a new phonograph and a set of educational records has been purchased for the school. A second phonograph, identical with the first, has also been purchased from the school general fund.

Last year's graduating class has presented the school with a new strip film and slide projector. This projector is receiving heavy usage because of the increased employment of strip films by teachers in the classrooms.

A beginning has been made on a professional library for members of the teaching staff. Several professional magazines have been subscribed for and books have been purchased to aid the teachers in their work.

CONCLUSION

This past year has been one of progress. The development and growth of our children is a continuous process. Learning begins before a child enters elementary school and continues while he is both at school and at home. After he leaves the school, the process continues as long as life lasts. The elementary school, therefore, is only one segment of one part of a life-long process of development. It is an important section of an important part of life, but its importance is enhanced by noting the other parts which precede, accompany, and follow. We, at Howe-Manning School, are striving constantly to attain knowledge of each child in order to be of assistance to him.

My appreciation is expressed here for the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, teachers, supervisors, Mr. Hayward, the Parent-Teacher Association, and to all who have assisted Howe-Manning School in any manner.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND S. DOWER, JR.

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

The accomplishments of the Health Department throughout the year are as follows:

The new and improved physical examination was given to each child in the first, fourth, and eighth grades with parental consent. Sport physicals were done on those that participate in gymnastics.

The Diphtheria and Tetanus Immunization Program was successfully carried out. The majority of children received booster shots.

The dental room proved its worth by the large number of children who received dental treatment. Each child's teeth were examined by the State under the supervision of Dr. Ronan. The fillings and extractions were done by our very efficient dentist, Dr. Stephen J. D'Urso.

The Hearing and Vision Tests were done twice during 1953. Grades 1 - 3 - 5 - 7 were tested. Less than ten percent of these failed. We are in hopes that the failures will be taken to a competent physician or specialist by the parents. It is so important to have these impairments corrected.

A list of other duties performed is:

Height and weight program — head and hair examinations, home visits, and followups on the Vision and Hearing Tests.

In conclusion, Dr. Rogers and I would like to thank Mr. Rivard, Mr. Dower and the teachers for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. BRENNAN, R.N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF READING SUPERVISOR

It is with feelings of mingled regret and pleasure that I submit to you this, my third and last report as Reading Supervisor in Howe-Manning School.

Because of the low record of achievement of many Middleton children in academic subjects, the position of reading teacher was filled on a supervisory basis so that a complete program might be established. The establishment of this program was scheduled to cover a period of three years; in actuality the program took two years for its major accomplishments and the present year is employed in evaluating past performance and laying the foundation for a future program that will prevent the development of further serious reading or learning disabilities. It should not be the hope of any administration to prevent learning disabilities by a specific approach but rather to inaugurate a flexible program that can be adjusted to meet pupil needs as they become apparent. Such flexibility brings accomplishment only when there is a basis of scientific appraisal through testing, inclusive observations of teachers, parents, and administrators, and a working spirit of cooperation with the youngest pupil or the most serious minded adult. These are the principles of the community-centered school and the effort to put these principles into effect has been a challenging one. The purpose of this report is to indicate to what extent this challenge has been met in the reading program and to show the areas where further work is needed.

At the present time there are no non-readers in Howe-Manning School. Of the original group of non-readers of three years ago, all but three are able to continue in regular classes with routine remedial assistance.

Remedial reading has made practical in Howe-Manning School a modified system of social promotion retaining for a second year in a grade those children who can profit by non-promotion. A follow-up study of non-promotions should be undertaken so that a better estimate can be made of the validity of the present program. It may be said, however, that standard achievement tests indicate that Middleton pupils are attaining national norms both in age and in academic accomplishment. Over-age pupils are seldom found in any grade.

The increase in school population in the current year required that the reading room be used for another classroom and a teachers' room be changed into a reading room.

Dependence on a reading teacher can keep a child working at a level below his abilities; it is, therefore, the part of wisdom to transfer remedial work to the classroom teacher as soon as possible and to work with the reading teacher on a consultant basis. But in order to effect a good program under such circumstances, it is necessary to have available a co-basal or planned supplementary reading series so that the individual needs of pupils may be met. Failure to provide such supplementary reading material handicaps the pupil in his efforts to participate actively in the classroom and needlessly prolongs his dependence on the reading teacher.

The testing program is also in process of evaluation and change. A sound testing program is the basis of all good teaching in the modern school, for the modern school emphasizes the abilities and not the disabilities of children. The first grades were again tested with Stanford Binet and Monroe Reading Aptitude Tests, and the median levels of intelligence and aptitude were found once more to be markedly higher than the national medians. But since many health, speech, and social problems were also found, careful interpretation of individual children was made and given to their teachers. Many conferences with parents also resulted. Conferences between the administration and the teachers were held and a careful analysis of needs was made on a group basis. Special materials and programs were provided and a careful check of progress was inaugurated. The needs of these first grades were very marked and without special help satisfactory growth for all was doubtful. The system of testing in these grades involves much time but can well be justified if full use of the tests is made. The system of conferences should be extended incorporating one or more additional grades each year; in this way the tests will be both used and evaluated over a period of time to the ultimate advantage of the individual child.

In the intermediate and upper grades a testing program of mental ability and educational achievement is in process of evolving. More work on this is necessary, particularly in the area of teacher needs and interests, before a final program can be presented.

The development of a sound guidance program greatly facilitates the progress of a reading program. It is a truism that correction or improvement of a learning or reading disability often markedly assists behavior and discipline. Children who do not achieve constructively will often utilize their energies in destructive activities. Emotional disturbances frequently result in learning retardation and learning disabilities almost invariably result in emotional disturbances. Prevention of retardation is the first and most important step in a guidance

program. Educational therapy is the prerogative of every public school but psychotherapy is rightly to be questioned in such an environment. The disturbed child in the school may find educational techniques therapeutic and therefore helpful in his growth and development; but if these techniques are not therapeutic, i. e., consistent with his needs of the moment, the school cannot ignore the child or the pressures upon him, but must turn to outside agencies for help. To do otherwise means that the school makes the child's behavior a subject only for "discipline" and serves no purpose other than disclosing a false premise of school authority. But in seeking help education, through its guidance program, must make referrals with care. Community guidance organizations, though few in number, are the only natural outlet for public schools. Private organizations are very expensive and not subject to control; church groups are not always equipped to handle serious problems. For Middleton the Child Guidance Clinic in Salem is still available but only for diagnosis and possible referral to other agencies; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has already done yeoman service in this community and too much cannot be said for the fine calibre of their work; the North Shore Children's Friend also works in Middleton and is available for many of the cases formerly referred to the Child Guidance Clinic.

In summary it may be said that work in reading this year revolves about evaluation and planning for future needs. The areas of study are:

1. Reduction of the size of reading classes and development of a classroom remedial program for borderline cases.
2. Development of co-basal or supplementary texts in all subject fields.
3. Evaluation of the testing program and the need for changes conducive to helping the classroom teacher and to more active teacher participation in planning and making use of tests.
4. Extension of the conference system with teachers on all grade levels to know and plan for individual and group needs.
5. The need for continuing a guidance program.
6. The development of standard operating procedures in meeting general and specific needs.

To the Middleton School Committee I extend my deep appreciation for the opportunity of working in a program which they foresaw as

a pertinent need for the children of their community. To the administration and to the faculty I also extend my appreciation for the assistance they have given me. I leave Middleton with the personal conviction that Howe-Manning School can give to its pupils a competent start in developing skill with the tools of learning.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHEA P. SHEA

Reading Supervisor

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

I submit, with pleasure, this report of the music program in the public school of Middleton.

Our aim is always to create a love of good music on the part of the child. The following three essentials which have entered into this have been 1) voice culture, 2) interpretation and 3) music reading. The new "American Singer" music books and records which we obtained last year for grades one through five certainly have been an inspiration to both teacher and child. The songs in these books are so delightful that the children love to sing them, and actually enjoy trying to improve their music reading ability.

Besides learning many rote songs in the lower grades, we are doing much note reading and rhythm work so that our part singing will improve in the upper grades. We are also having music appreciation in the seventh and eighth grades this year, learning about famous composers, listening to their compositions, and also learning about the various musical instruments.

The organized Glee Club of the Seventh and Eighth Grades meets once a week and practices two and three part songs.

Last year we started an instrumental program in Middleton, giving school children the opportunity to take lessons on an instrument of their choice at the school. There are quite a number of children taking advantage of this program, and we hope to develop a school orchestra soon.

May I take this opportunity to thank all in the school system for their friendliness and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS M. NYQUIST

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

The art program has lain stress on creative expression with the view of satisfying both esthetic and emotional ends.

Stained glass, stencil design, scratchboard, and paper sculpture techniques have been employed for purposes of both stimulation and breadth of experience. Group projects have been engaged in for the secondary purpose of enhancing social awareness.

In general, the lower grades have been limited to the "picture story" presentations, in order that their native creative sense be given every opportunity to develop.

For the future, potato prints, posters with a social message, book jackets for school books, ceramic work, and more group projects are being planned.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD BRUZZO

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

In the initial handwriting tests administered to your pupils in September 1951, 6.2% of the pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 14.5% received a score of "B" (Good); and 79.1% scored less than "B". In the tests administered in June 1953, 63.2% of the pupils received a grade of "A"; 14.2% received a score of "B"; and 22.6% received a grade of less than "B". Handwriting certificates were awarded to 70% of your pupils.

During the school year we graded approximately 3,000 formal and 9,000 informal samples of handwriting for your pupils. A formal test was administered monthly and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room.

We furnished the following instructional materials: monthly teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates to pupils who qualified, monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc.

My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received from you and your teachers at all times. We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. RINEHART, Director

Rinehart Handwriting System

REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

The new Dental Clinic was opened last April. At that time a dental examination was given to the entire student body and reports were sent home advising the parents of the condition of their children's teeth. It was recommended that, whenever possible, the child be taken to the family dentist. Those who were unable to do so were afforded the opportunity of utilizing the facilities of the school Dental Clinic.

The services rendered include the extraction of abscessed teeth, the restoration of decayed teeth, and general instruction in the proper care of the teeth. The cost to the patient is one dollar per operation.

The Dental Clinic is in operation two mornings each week, on Wednesday and Friday, with the School Nurse assisting one morning a week. The equipment is adequate for rendering routine services such as fillings and minor oral surgery.

Since the clinic was opened last April, approximately 55 children have been treated at least once, and of this number, 45 have had all dental defects treated.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the newly established dental health program at the Howe-Manning School. Most of the parents have shown a great deal of interest in the clinic and several have come to the school to discuss the dental needs of their children. The children themselves have, in general, been very good patients and they are realizing more and more the importance of sound healthy teeth.

I wish to thank all those who assisted me in my work during the school year. I wish to express my appreciation especially to the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, and the School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN J. D'URSO, D.M.D.

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